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Siddaramaiah asserts he will be CM for full term

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Amid claims by a few Congress MLAs that Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC chief D.K. Shivakumar will be at the helm of the government later this year, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah firmly asserted on Wednesday that he will serve his full five-year term.

The statement, apparently aimed at asserting himself and garnering the support of party MLAs, comes after AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge's remark that the party high command will take a call the change of guard in the State government.

On the other hand, AICC general secretary in-charge of Karnataka Randeep Surjewala, on Tuesday, insisted that discussion on change of guard was not on the agenda.

In response to a question by reporters, ahead of Cabinet meeting at Nandi Hills, whether he will be the Chief Minister for five years the veteran leader shot back, "Yes, I will be. Why do you have the doubt?"

Mr. Siddaramaiah's assertion is expected to provide new political twists and turns in the coming days.

Meanwhile, Mr. Shivakumar, knowing well that he cannot become the Chief Minister by challenging the authority of Mr. Siddaramaiah, made a measured statement and said he has "no objection" and that he would "stand by and support the Chief Minister".

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah along with Ministers and others at the Bhoganandishwara Temple at Nandi village, before the Cabinet meeting at Nandi Hills, in Chickballapur district on Wednesday.

Mr. Shivakumar, who is nursing the ambition of becoming the Chief Minister since the formation of the government in 2023, is largely banking on the support of the party high command.

He has showed his clout with the party's central leaders by ensuring re-enumeration of castes, and shelving of the decade-old caste census and also by continuing in the KPCC chief's post. Both these are seen as setback for Mr. Siddaramaiah.

Mr. Shivakumar said on Wednesday in response to Mr. Siddaramaiah's assertion, "What option do I have? I have to stand by him, support him. I don't have any objection to it. Whatever the party high command tells and whatever it desires, it will be fulfilled."

Asked about his supporters citing his sacrifices and his role in bringing the party to power, Mr. Shivakumar said, "I don't want to discuss anything. Lakhs of workers have supported this party. It is not only D.K. Shivakumar. We have to think about them first."

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BRICS will help create a 'multipolar' world: Modi

PM lands in Ghana as he begins his five-nation trip; he says the visits will strengthen cooperation within Global South; he will also attend the BRICS summit in Brazil and hold bilateral meetings

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

India and Brazil will discuss ways to advance the priorities of the Global South in the coming days, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi ahead of his five-nation visit beginning on Wednesday.

Mr. Modi, who will attend the BRICS summit to be held in Brazil's Rio De Janeiro during the trip, said the summit will help create a "balanced multipolar world order". He further said the five-nation visit will help strengthen cooperation within the Global South. The Prime Minister is expected to hold several bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the summit as well.

"As a founding member, India is committed to BRICS as a vital platform for cooperation among emerging economies. Together, we strive for a more peaceful, equitable, just, democratic and balanced multipolar world order," said Mr. Modi in a departure statement as he boarded the official aircraft that landed in Ghana for a bilateral visit.

The Prime Minister will also visit Trinidad and Tobago, Argentina, and Namibia, before concluding the trip on July 9.

Pleasant ties: Prime Minister Narendra Modi being welcomed by Ghana President John Mahama on his arrival at Kotoka International Airport in Accra on Wednesday. ANI

State honour

According to Ghanaian news outlet *Graphic.com.gh*, the Foreign Minister of Ghana Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa had announced that Mr. Modi will receive the country's highest state honour, the Companion of the Order of the Star of Ghana, during the visit. Previous recipients of the honour include the late French President Jacques Chirac, King Mohammed VI of Morocco, President Luiz Inácio 'Lula' da Silva of Brazil, former Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo, and former Namibian President Sam Nujoma.

Mr. Modi will hold talks with President John Dramani Mahama in Ghana. "Ghana is a valued partner in the Global South and plays an important role in the African Union and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)," said Mr. Modi, adding that his visit will build on India's historic ties with Ghana and help in opening up areas like investment, energy, health, capacity building and development partnership.

Mr. Modi will also address the Parliament of Ghana during the visit. Mr. Ablakwa has said that Ghana plans to emerge as the "vaccine hub" for Africa and talks would be held with Mr. Modi during the visit regarding vaccine production in Ghana.

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Kashmir opens arms to first batch of Amarnath pilgrims

Pilgrims' progress: Devotees arrive at Baltal base camp in Ganderbal, J&K, on Wednesday ahead of the Amarnath Yatra starting Thursday. IMRAN NISSAR

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The first batch of around 5,485 pilgrims undertaking the annual Amarnath Yatra reached the Kashmir Valley on Wednesday under a multi-tier and revamped security arrangement, which included facial-recognition systems and designation of yatra routes as no-fly zones, while local people extended a warm welcome.

The annual pilgrimage will officially kick off from Thursday.

The first batch arrived in 299 vehicles at the base camps of Baltal in central Kashmir's Ganderbal and Nunwan in south Kashmir's Anantnag, for acclimatisation ahead of the pilgrimage, which requires trekking to an altitude of over 14,000 feet.

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha, who flagged off the first batch of devotees from the Bhagwati Nagar Base Camp in Jammu, said: "The administration, people of J&K, the Shri Amarnath Shrine Board, J&K Police, and security forces have made elaborate arrangements for the pilgrims. Undeterred by terror incidents, devotees of Bhole Baba [Lord Shiva] are arriving in huge numbers, demonstrating their immense faith. I hope that this year's yatra will be even more historic than previous years."

The unprecedented security cover comes in the wake of the Pahalgam attack that left 26 civilians dead in the Baisaran meadow, which falls near the traditional Nunwan-Chandanwari yatra route in Anantnag.

"Pilgrims were greeted with flowers. Let us walk together in the spirit of peace and brotherhood. We will not allow those who intend to disturb Kashmir to win," Mushtaq Pahalgami, who heads the civil society group Pahalgam Alliance, said.

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Techie held for filming women colleagues in washroom

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Electronics City police on Wednesday arrested a 30-year-old software engineer for allegedly filming his women colleagues in the Infosys campus washroom on Monday.

Based on the complaint filed by the victim, the police arrested Swapnil Nagesh, a technical analyst, charging him under Section 66E (violation of privacy through the capturing, publishing, or transmitting of images of a private area of a person without their consent) of the IT Act, 2000, and Section 77 (voyeurism) of the BNS.

The incident came to light when the victim, working as a technical test lead at Infosys, went to use the washroom on Monday. While waiting to use the washroom, she saw a girl coming out of a cubicle and caught a man's reflection in the mirror, filming from the adjacent washroom.

She climbed up the commode and allegedly caught him red-handed trying to record her too on his mobile phone. She raised alarm and ran out of the washroom, prompting the staff to come to her rescue.

The HR staff caught the man and deleted the videos. The victim went home and narrated her ordeal to her family before approaching the police.

Based on the complaint, the police tracked down Swapnil. The accused joined the company three months ago. He had recorded two videos, which the police retrieved from the 'Deleted' folder. The mobile has been sent to FSL for a detailed analysis, a police officer said.

Infosys issues statement

Following the arrest, Infosys released a statement assuring a zero-tolerance policy and extending full support to the investigation.

"We are aware of this incident and have taken necessary action against the employee, who is now separated from the company. We also promptly supported the complainant by facilitating a swift complaint with the law enforcement authorities and continue to cooperate as they investigate further. Infosys is committed to providing an environment free of harassment and has a zero-tolerance policy. We take every complaint related to any violation of the company's code of conduct seriously," the IT firm's spokesperson said.

Special cells to reopen cases of militancy victims in J&K

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

The Jammu & Kashmir Police on Wednesday started circulating special phone numbers to reopen cases of victims of militancy in the Union Territory and identify the perpetrators currently working in government departments.

According to the J&K Police, dedicated grievance-cum-helpline cells have been set up in Anantnag, Awantipora, Budgam, Baramulla, and Sopore in the Kashmir division. Similar helplines are being set up in the Jammu region with Doda district already establishing one such cell.

The police said affected individuals, or their families, can contact the helpline number by voice call, SMS and WhatsApp on all working days between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. The move came a day after J&K Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha discussed the cases where the victims were "brutally killed by Pakistan-backed terrorists".

He also directed police officials to reopen cases, "which were deliberately buried and file an FIR and ensure jobs are provided to Next of Kins on priority".

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Bring perpetrators of Pahalgam attack to justice, says Quad

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> The Quad unequivocally condemns all acts of terrorism and violent extremism in all its forms and manifestations, including cross-border terrorism
> QUAD FOREIGN MINISTERS' JOINT STATEMENT

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

The Quad Foreign Ministers have condemned the Pahalgam terror attack in the "strongest terms" and called for the perpetrators of the attack to be brought to justice "without any delay", a joint statement issued in Washington after a meeting on Tuesday night said.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, Australia's Foreign Minister Penny Wong, and Japan's Foreign Minister Iwaya Takeshi were hosted by U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Tuesday for the Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM), held ahead of the Quad summit expected to be held in November in India this year.

"The Quad unequivocally condemns all acts of terrorism and violent extremism in all its forms and manifestations, including cross-border terrorism, and renews our commitment to counterterrorism cooperation," the statement said, condemning the Pahalgam attack.

"We call for the perpetrators, organisers, and financiers of this reprehensible act to be brought to justice without any delay and urge all UN Member States, in accordance with their obligations under international law and relevant UNSCRs [United Nations Security Council Resolutions] to cooperate actively with all relevant authorities in this regard," the joint statement added.

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Duckett — redefining the rules and re-establishing himself

The England opener's approach has drawn comparisons with the swashbuckling Sehwag; the second innings hundred in a sizzling chase in the opening Test against India in Headingley is the latest in the southpaw's resurrection

REUTERS

Tarun Shastry

When the bell rings, it's not the size of the fighter that matters – it's the precision of the blows, the ability to absorb them, and the will to hit back harder.

835 runs in total – five centuries from the opposition. Every sign pointing towards collapse and defeat in a fourth innings chase. But in walked Ben Duckett – fearless and unfazed.

In the opening round of the five-Test clash against a transitioning Indian team at Headingley, Duckett stepped in not merely to survive, but to counterpunch with fearless intent, flair, and nerve.

While Jasprit Bumrah was doing Jasprit Bumrah things: testing techniques and rattling nerves, Duckett stood tall.

He didn't flinch. He fired back, landing clean, decisive strikes – 149 of them – each one shifting the momentum in England's favour.

A mammoth 371 stared England down. Duckett didn't just hang in. He fought. He scored. He played with purpose. And how.

There's always been a certain grace to left-handers – a quiet elegance, even in the way they leave a ball outside the off-stump. Think of David Gower's liquid timing, Alastair Cook's monk-like patience or Andrew Strauss' measured balance at the crease.

A different kind of southpaw

Duckett doesn't belong to that school. He's a different kind of southpaw – one built for tempo, not tradition.

He rarely leaves anything outside off and when the ball enters his zone, his instinct isn't caution, it's to attack. Every swing he takes is charged with aggression.

"He is now England's answer to Virender Sehwag," wrote former England player-turned-commentator-turned-coach David Lloyd in his *Daily Mail* column. It's hard to argue with that sentiment.

Sehwag's arrival in Test cricket was thunderous. Handed a debut in the middle order against South Africa, he announced himself with a 105 before earning a promotion to the top.

It was an inspired move by captain Sourav Ganguly and coach John Wright. They gave him what most players only dream of: freedom to play and to learn on his own terms.

With that came the destruction of bowlers and, consequentially, of tradition.

That elevation gave him the licence to attack, to play on instinct and, most importantly, to fail without the fear of being dropped.

All-out aggression

Sehwag didn't just score runs; he dismantled attacks, instilled fear in bowlers and reshaped the way openers were viewed in the sport. He imposed himself, series after series.

GETTY IMAGES

For Duckett, the journey to open for England began long before current head coach Brendon McCullum and skipper Ben Stokes entered the picture.

It all started in 2016 with a stroke of bold 'intuition and chance' at Northamptonshire. The county side was then searching for an opener and coach David Ripley took a 'chance' by promoting Duckett, then a middle-order batter, to the top.

The transformation

This move would eventually transform his career.

That same bold belief has come from 'Baz' McCullum and Stokes.

In Duckett, they saw a disruptor – a player with the mindset to break patterns, not adhere to them. And like Ganguly and Wright did for Sehwag, they handed Duckett the keys to the top order. No overthinking, no axe hanging – just a license to play.

The result? A left-hander who's now attacks just like what Sehwag once did.

"I didn't think I'd be an opening batter, but I'm enjoying the role", Duckett was quoted by *ESPNCricinfo*.

"I started my career batting lower down where you can get away with playing a bit loose. But I've batted better since I began opening, so I'm going to keep playing this way. I'm still trying to learn to play as straight as I can early on in my innings.

"If I'm going to the next step, I'm going to need to be technically better as an opener and maybe a bit more patient. But I've made things work so I'll try and carry it on", he added.

Trial by fire

It's hard to believe how it all began for the 30-year-old back in 2016 – a debut in Test cricket that was as fleeting as it was unforgiving. Thrown into the subcontinental furnace, he started brightly in Bangladesh, scoring two half-centuries in the ODI series.

But that early promise quickly faded once he put on the Test whites.

Facing India its backyard is an entirely different ball game and a fledgling Duckett was left overwhelmed.

His tendency to rock back deep in the crease and play across his pads became a glaring flaw, one the Indian bowlers, particularly the spinners, exploited ruthlessly. Ball after ball, they exposed the glitch, reducing Duckett to a walking wicket.

He was dropped just two Tests into England's eventual 4-0 series defeat – his final act, a 16-ball duck in Vizag. Vulnerable technique and the brutal reality of Test cricket had left him exposed. The door that once opened for him with enthusiasm shut just as quickly.

As if his on-field struggles weren't enough, Duckett's behaviour beyond the boundary only added to his woes.

Tempering expectations

During the 2017-18 Ashes tour of Australia, he found himself at the centre of a bizarre incident in Perth. He allegedly poured pints of beer over England's all-time leading wicket-taker James Anderson.

What could have been shrugged off as immature banter quickly spiralled, with Duckett eventually sent home midway through the tour.

For many, that would have been the end. Duckett, though, wasn't wired to disappear. He dug in. He rebuilt. He refined himself and let his bat do the talking.

It taught him resilience, perspective, and the hunger to grab every chance that came his way.

So when 'Bazball' and England called again in 2022, he returned, ready to rewrite his story and, this time, on his terms.

A blistering 107 off 110 balls against Pakistan in Rawalpindi announced his arrival. It was a statement of fearlessness, it set the tone not just for his second coming but also for England's bold new era under McCullum.

That knock came on Day 1 of a historic 506-run blitz – the most runs ever scored in a single day of Test cricket. Duckett's innings was a masterclass in pacing: sweep, reverse sweep, glide and repeat. Spin was dismantled, rhythm destroyed.

The old Duckett was gone; this one is here to dominate.

Just the beginning

Then came Rajkot, 2024. In a dust bowl, Duckett countered with audacity, smashing 153 off 151 balls enroute registering fastest Test century by an Englishman on Indian soil.

Reverse sweeps off Ravichandran Ashwin, front-foot drives through cover and an innings played at a strike rate that left even the most seasoned spinners scrambling. Cook called it "out of this world.

And now, there's Headingley 2025. Chasing an imposing 371 against India, Duckett once again stepped in and turned up the heat. Bumrah was breathing fire as usual but the 30-year-old did not flinch.

His innings wasn't built on recklessness; it was built on clarity. It tilted the balance and gave England the upper hand in round one of a five-Test saga.

From being discarded in 2016 and being sent home in 2017 to now standing tall as one of England's most fearless Test openers, Duckett has seen it all. And if Headingley is any indication, the Nottinghamshire batter isn't done just yet.

He doesn't just play the Bazball way – he is its very definition. Dynamic. Defiant. And nowhere near done.

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- From being discarded from the national side in 2016 and being sent home mid-tour on disciplinary grounds in 2017 to now standing tall as one of England's most fearless Test openers, Duckett has seen it all
- He is not your quintessential elegant left-hander. Duckett was built for tempo, not tradition
- A gamble to promote him to the opening slot first attempted at Northamptonshire became a blueprint the senior England side would adopt, to much success

Centre's guidelines for aggregators revive hope among bike taxi riders

However, the State governments have been vested with the power to regulate and authorise such services

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The new rules permit the use of non-transport (private) motorcycles for passenger transport, provided State governments grant their approval. FILE PHOTO

Bike taxi platforms have received a boost with the Union government notifying the Motor Vehicle Aggregator Guidelines (MVAG), 2025, on July 1.

The new rules permit the use of non-transport (private) motorcycles for passenger transport, provided State governments grant their approval. The development has sparked renewed optimism among aggregators and gig workers hoping for a revival of bike taxi services in Karnataka.

Clause 23 of the guidelines states that "State governments may allow the aggregation of non-transport motorcycles for shared mobility." This clause is being seen as a game-changer by mobility companies, especially in cities like Bengaluru, which have a high demand for last-mile connectivity.

According to the guidelines, this move is expected to reduce traffic congestion and vehicular pollution, while offering affordable transport options, supporting hyperlocal deliveries, and creating new livelihood opportunities. The Centre has vested state governments with the power to regulate and authorise such services under Section 67(3) of the Motor Vehicles Act. States can now impose authorisation fees on aggregators, which may be collected on a daily, weekly, or fortnightly basis.

Further, the guidelines lay down clear compliance norms for aggregators. "Aggregators must also ensure that all drivers onboarded under this clause comply with the regulations laid out in the guidelines," it says. This includes adherence to safety standards, insurance norms, and responsible onboarding practices.

Regulatory clarity

In its official response to *The Hindu*, Uber called the release of MVAG 2025 a forward-looking step. A spokesperson for the company said the guidelines provide regulatory clarity and promote innovation in India's digital mobility sector.

Rapido also welcomed the Centre's move, particularly the operationalisation of Clause 23.

"We see this policy shift as a catalyst for creating lakhs of flexible livelihood opportunities for riders across urban and rural India, promoting shared and low-emission transport in line with India's climate commitments and formalising the gig economy with technology-backed platforms and regulatory support. We are committed to supporting the various state governments in operationalising this initiative in line with all stipulated guidelines. We will ensure responsible onboarding of riders, compliance with safety and insurance norms, and timely contributions as part of the proposed authorisation framework," the spokesperson added.

Demand for framework

The Bike Taxi Association said that by allowing non-transport motorcycles to be used for shared rides, the Centre has created an opportunity to widen transport access, especially in areas underserved by traditional public transit.

"As one of India's most urbanised and digitally connected states, Karnataka stands to benefit significantly from the operationalisation of Clause 23. Bengaluru, in particular, with its high traffic density and demand for last-mile options, is well-positioned to implement this model effectively. Rural and semi-urban Karnataka can also leverage this framework to address mobility gaps and promote local entrepreneurship," the association noted.

The association urged the Karnataka government to take note of the enabling policy and develop a state-level framework that permits shared mobility on non-transport two-wheelers.

However, transport department officials said they are reviewing the guidelines and are not in a position to comment at this time. In Karnataka, the bike taxi services have been banned since June 16.

City woman moves High Court over ban; says bike taxis safer, more affordable

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Contrary to the State government's claim that bike taxis are not safe for women, a woman commuter on Wednesday claimed before the High Court of Karnataka that bike taxis are safer, more affordable, and convenient to women commuters when compared to other modes of public transport like buses and cabs.

This contention was raised before a division bench comprising acting Chief Justice V. Kameswar Rao and Justice C.M. Joshi. During the hearing on the appeals filed by the association, along with technology transport aggregators Ola, Uber, and Rapido, and a few owners of two-wheelers. The appeals were filed against the April 2 verdict of a single judge, who had held that the aggregators cannot offer bike taxis on their platform unless the State government notifies relevant guidelines.

In eight States

Senior advocate Jayna Kothari, appearing for Vishali Sri Lakshmi, a city-based advocate, pointed to the Bench the scheme of bike taxis in at least eight States, in which elaborate guidelines are laid down for safety of passengers and giving license to bike taxis.

Referring to guidelines laid down by different State governments permitting bike taxis, Ms. Kothari said that background checks, police verification, bar on those with past and present criminal cases were among the stringent conditions imposed on riders for operating bike taxis in other States.

It would be more convenient to women commuters if the bike taxi driver is a woman, Ms. Kothari said while pointing out that some States have given special preference to women bike taxi operators.

Women drivers

To a query by the Bench on the safety aspect of women bike taxi drivers when they have to carry a male passenger, Ms. Kothari said that schemes allow a woman bike taxi driver to carry only women passengers and also women commuters to opt for a bike taxi driven by a woman.

Referring to a pan-India study "unlocking the potential of bike-taxis in India" conducted by KPMG, multinational professional services network, Ms. Kothari said that study shows that bike-taxis offered through aggregator platforms are found to be more safer.

Meanwhile, Senior advocate Udaya Holla, appearing for Roppen Transportation Services Pvt. Ltd., which operates Rapido services, bike taxis were being used for last-mile connectivity in Bengaluru as even metro service is faced with this issue.

Referring to the State government's 'policy' to ban bike taxis based on a 2019 report of a committee, Mr. Holla pointed out that the report opposing bike taxis was given by the erstwhile chairman of the Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation.

Demand by auto drivers

Banning bike taxis for women's safety is a misnomer, as the ban was a result of demand made by associations of autorickshaw drivers, Mr. Holla contended on behalf of Rapido.

Both Mr. Holla and Ms. Kothari pointed out to the Bench that traffic has increased in Bengaluru city since the government banned bike taxis after June 15.

State ends permit exemption for electric public transport vehicles against Centre's 2018 order

Anil Kumar Sastry
MANGALURU

The Karnataka Transport Department on Tuesday withdrew the exemption from obtaining permits for public transport vehicles operated on battery, methanol and ethanol, in contravention of the Union Road Transport Ministry's October 18, 2018, order that had said a permit was not required to carry goods or passengers for these categories of vehicles.

The July 1 notification said, "The January 20, 2022, notification issued by the department exempting goods or passenger carrying vehicles operated on battery, methanol or ethanol from the provisions of Section 66 (1) of the Indian Motor Vehicles Act, is hereby withdrawn." Section 66 deals with permits for transport vehicles.

Furthermore, all new and already registered battery, methanol, and ethanol-operated vehicles would be issued permits without any fee, in the interest of law and order and public good, as specified in the notification. The Road Transport Ministry had exempted these categories of vehicles from obtaining permits to incentivise their proliferation into the passenger transport segment and reduce carbon footprints.

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy said the move was aimed at regulating the transport vehicles operated on battery, methanol and ethanol, and to ensure accountability of the driver/owner.

"I had made this promise to legislators on the floor of the legislature," the Minister added.

Flute concert in Jayanagar on Sunday

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Classical music connoisseurs are in for a melodious Sunday as flute maestro Aprameya Sheshadri takes the stage at the Vande Guru Paramparam music series on Sunday.

The programme will be held from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. at Yuvapatha, Jayanagar, Bengaluru. Entry is free and open to all

Renowned for his deeply evocative playing and masterful command of the bamboo flute, Aprameya will be accompanied by a stellar ensemble: Anirudh Bharadwaj on violin, Vinod Shyam Anoor on mridanga, and Sunaad Anoor on khanjira – each artist bringing their own vibrant contribution to the performance.

20 monkeys found dead near Gundlupet, probe ordered

The Hindu Bureau
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The incident comes close on the heels of the recent poisoning deaths of five tigers in Chamarajanagar district. REPRESENTATIONAL PHOTO

In a shocking incident, carcasses of 20 monkeys were found stuffed in bags and dumped along the Kandegala-Kodesoge Road in the buffer zone of the Bandipur Tiger Reserve near Gundlupet on Wednesday.

The incident comes close on the heels of the recent poisoning deaths of five tigers in the M.M. Hills in Chamarajanagar district, sparking widespread outrage among wildlife activists and locals.

According to the Forest Department officials, passers-by noticed the bags lying by the roadside around 6.30 a.m. and alerted the authorities. A team led by the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Gundlupet division, rushed to the spot, along with veterinary staff and sniffer dogs.

Preliminary findings suggested that the monkeys were killed elsewhere and their carcasses transported and dumped to avoid detection. Two monkeys were found alive at the scene. They were shifted to the veterinary hospital in Gundlupet, a statement said.

Project Director of the Bandipur Tiger Reserve visited the spot to assess the situation. Post-mortem examinations have been ordered to ascertain the exact cause of death.

The officials were analysing CCTV camera footage. Locals expressed shock over the incident, stating that there were no reports of monkey menace in the surrounding villages, strengthening suspicions that the animals were killed elsewhere and dumped to mislead authorities. A case has been registered, and a special team has been constituted to carry out the probe.

SKM leaders, including Rakesh Tikait, to visit Devanahalli today

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Farmers protesting at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Wednesday against land acquisition at Channarayanapatna in Devanahalli taluk of Bengaluru Rural district. K. MURALI KUMAR

Offering support to Devanahalli farmers who are demanding that the government should shelve the process of acquisition of their lands for Aerospace Park, farmers' leaders of Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), including Rakesh Tikait who led the farmers' movement in Delhi, will visit the protesting farmers in their villages on Thursday to instil confidence in them.

The SKM leaders who are visiting Devanahalli include Darshan Pal, Sunilam, Yudhvir Singh, Viju Krishnan, and P.T. John, according to the protesters. They will also participate in the dharna ongoing at Freedom Park of Bengaluru in support of the farmers. Their visit to Devanahalli is scheduled a day ahead of the meeting between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and farmers' representatives to discuss their demand.

Meanwhile, hundreds of farmers from Devanahalli taluk, who are opposing land acquisition, observed a day-long fast on Wednesday at Channarayapatna taluk while support for their struggle swelled with leading personalities from various walks of life visiting the extended protest site at Freedom Park in Bengaluru.

The day-long fast that was staged by farmers in Channarayapatna of Devanahalli taluk and also by nine representatives from various organizations at the Freedom Park in Bengaluru aimed at bringing pressure on the government ahead of the special Cabinet meeting that was held atop Nandi Hills on Wednesday. It is learnt that the farmers' demand came up for discussion at the Cabinet, though neither any stand was taken on it nor was there any official word on such a discussion.

Senior writer and thinker Prof. Rahamat Tarikere, actors Prakash Raj, Kishore, and Akshatha Pandavapura, directors Rajendra Singh Babu, Girish Kasaravalli, Nagathihalli Chandrashekar, T.N. Seetharam, P. Seshadri, and Nanjundegowda, producers Vijayalakshmi Singh, Krishnegowda, and music composer Kaviraj were among those who visited the protest site.

Speaking on the occasion, Prakash Raj said, "This is not just a problem for farmers, it is a problem for all of us. We need to ask the government, you talk about development, but are farmers not part of your development?"

Actor Ramya hopes CM will be compassionate towards farmers

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Kannada actor and former social media head of the AICC, Ramya, expressed that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah would be compassionate towards Devanahalli farmers who are demanding shelving of the process of acquisition of their land for the Aerospace Park.

In a social media post, she cited a report by *The Hindu* on how the landlords in Devanahalli taluk had turned out to be labourers after their lands were acquired and said, "Hope Chief Minister Siddaramaiah *avaru* will show the farmers some compassion and do them good."

She also said that such a situation was not confined to Karnataka and farmers everywhere were facing similar plight.

"This story is not just of the farmers here in Karnataka. It's the same all over the country - while industries create jobs, we need to ensure the livelihoods of farmers are also taken care of," she said.

Indian consumers more prone to sharing personal data with AI agents: Report

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While organisations are keen to incorporate AI into their functions to enhance customer experiences, consumers don't trust AI agents with their personal data yet, reveals a report. However, Indian consumers are twice as likely as those from other countries to share personal information with a company's AI agent, notes the 2025 Customer Identity Trends Report from Okta, an identity and access management company.

The global study, conducted by Statista, surveyed 6,750 consumers across nine countries, including 750 from India, to explore evolving online identity behaviours. The other regions in the study included Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, and United States.

Trust levels higher

"Indian consumers show remarkable trust in companies to protect their personal data, with 67% expressing confidence, well above the 50% global average. This extends to a 50% likelihood of sharing personal data online," the report said.

Trust levels were found to be significantly higher in sectors such as banking (79%), tech companies (73%), government agencies (70%), and online retailers (69%).

Nevertheless, a substantial 81% of respondents are concerned about identity fraud, significantly higher than the 63% global average, indicating a heightened awareness of digital risks. Among all the nine countries, respondents from India showed the most concern for identity fraud.

Complex relationship

The report pointed out that Indian consumers demonstrate a complex relationship with AI.

"They are notably more willing to share sensitive data with company AI agents compared to global averages: 64% for health data (vs. 32% global) and 49% for financial information (vs. 27% global). While 65% appreciate AI's speed and 24/7 support, a strong 76% still prefer human representatives for better understanding, and an equal 76% worry about AI's impact on their digital identities," it noted.

Transparency

Around 49% were found to prefer human interaction over AI agents, while 19% expressed outright distrust.

Around 54% said clear privacy/ethics guidelines would increase trust in AI agents, and 49% sought more transparency into how AI makes decisions.

Passwords still rule

The study also showed that India's digital engagement is soaring, with over 30% of respondents logging into 10 or more personal online accounts monthly.

Despite newer options, 82% of Indians find passwords most convenient for identity verification. The report also shows that one out of five Indians reuses the same password for every personal account.

The quest for easier logins is driving the adoption of biometrics, with 55% of Indian consumers using fingerprint recognition and 35% using Face ID.

This highlights a growing willingness to adopt modern, secure authentication, especially from trusted brands, noted the report.

"From virtual assistants to automated decisions, people interact with AI every day. But with greater reliance comes greater scrutiny. Users expect their data to be protected and their experiences to be secure, simple, and transparent. That trust begins with identity. For businesses, mastering identity is no longer just about security; it's the strategic imperative that unlocks innovation and secures customer loyalty," said Shakeel Khan, regional vice-president and country manager, Okta India.

Sinhalese migrated from Southern India, mixed with Adivasis: study

The formation of the Sinhalese genetic pool is dated to about 3,000 years ago, falling within the range of dates displayed broadly by Indian and other Sri Lankan populations, and around the time of the proposed migration date of Sinhalese to their present homeland in the Sinhala chronicles

R. Prasad

Analyses of whole-genome sequence data of urban Sinhalese and two indigenous Adivasi clans in Sri Lanka, which live in geographically separated regions in the country, have shed light on the migratory history of these populations and their genetic relationship to each other and to many Indian populations.

The study, published recently in the journal *Current Biology*, found that Sinhalese and Adivasi are genetically closest to each other and to South Indians, but at a regional and fine-scale level, the two Adivasi clans are genetically distinct.

For the study, whole genomes of 35 urban Sinhalese individuals and 19 individuals from two indigenous Adivasi clans were sequenced. Of the 19 genomes of Adivasi clans that were sequenced, five were from among Interior Adivasi and 14 were from among Coastal Adivasi.

Genes don't reflect linguistic affinities and biological and cultural evolution can have different trajectories. Representative image. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

A genetic perspective

The sampling and data generation were possible due to the outreach efforts of Sri Lankan collaborator Ruwandi Ranasinghe, from the University of Colombo. In addition, the whole genome data of 35 Sri Lankan Tamils sampled in the U.K., which were already sequenced as part of the 1,000 Genomes Project, were included in the analyses.

Sinhalese chronicles and previous genetic studies had proposed that the Sinhalese people had migrated from northern or northwest India around 500 BCE, though their exact origins and migratory history are still debated. That the Sinhalese speak an Indo-European language, Sinhala, whose present-day distribution lies primarily in northern India, further supported the idea of their migration from northern India. But the current study contradicted the findings of the previous studies from a genetic perspective.

"The genetic ancestries and their proportions in the Adivasi and Sinhalese are most similar to Dravidian speaking populations, which live in Southern India today," Niraj Rai of the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP), Lucknow, and one of the corresponding authors of the paper, told *The Hindu*.

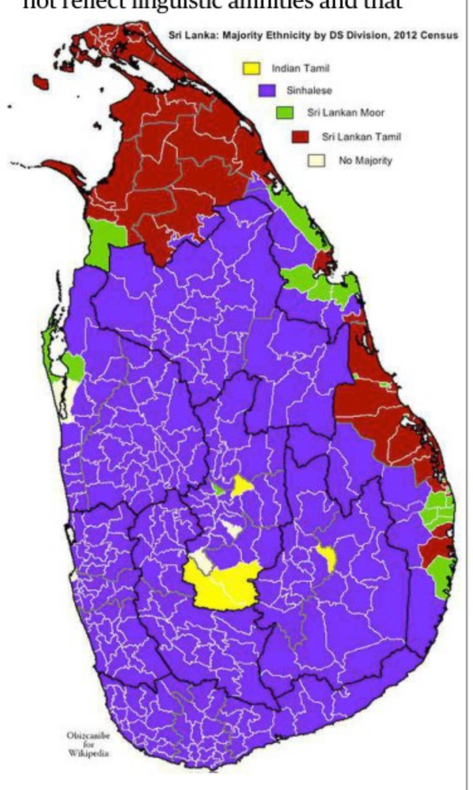
"Even among South Indian populations, we find that the Sinhalese are genetically closest to those communities that have higher proportions of the so-called ASI or Ancestral South Indian ancestry," Maanasa Raghavan, assistant professor at the University of Chicago and a corresponding author of the study, said.

"In contrast to many North Indians, these populations generally have lower levels of a genetic ancestry related to ancient groups from the Eurasian Steppe, proposed to have carried Indo-European languages into South Asia and that are today spoken widely in northern regions of India."

Genes and linguistic affinities

But how does one reconcile the fact that the Sinhalese people speak a language that is classified as Indo-European, which today is spoken mostly in North India?

The authors explained that genes do not reflect linguistic affinities and that biological and cultural evolution can have different trajectories. They have speculated that this genetic-linguistic discordance may have been caused by the Sinhalese population having migrated from somewhere in North India geographically, but genetically speaking, the migration may have come from a group that resembles more South Indian Dravidian speakers today.



A map of Sri Lanka showing the majority ethnicity by DS Division according to the country's 2012 Census. Yellow: Indian Tamils; purple: Sinhalese; green: Sri Lankan Moor; maroon: Sri Lankan Tamil; white: no majority. DEPARTMENT OF CENSUS & STATISTICS, SRI LANKA

An alternative explanation is that a small group of Sinhalese people, perhaps representing the elite, might have migrated to Sri Lanka and transmitted the language but not the genes.

"If the Sinhalese were derived from a North Indian genetic cluster with higher Steppe-related ancestry, mixing had to have happened with ASI populations to dilute their genetic ancestries and pull them genetically closer to South Indian populations in our analyses. More anthropological studies are needed to fully understand these differing genetic and cultural affinities of the Sinhalese," Raghavan said.

Support from anthropological studies

The time of formation of the Sinhalese genetic pool was dated in the study to about 3,000 years ago, falling within the range of dates displayed broadly by Indian and other Sri Lankan populations and around the time of the proposed migration date of the Sinhalese in the chronicles (500 BCE).

"The date our analysis reveals is interesting. It implies that the Sinhalese ancestors migrated to Sri Lanka fairly close in time to the dynamic genetic mixing events that were occurring about 2,000-4,000 years ago in India that created the ANI-ASI genetic spectrum we see in today's populations," Rai explained. (ANI stands for 'ancestral north India' and ASI for 'ancestral south Indian'.)

Sinhalese chronicles also say that when the Sinhalese people migrated from India to Sri Lanka about 3,000 years ago, the Adivasi were already living in Sri Lanka. This is also supported by anthropological studies that propose that the Adivasi are descended from early hunter-gatherers in the region. The Adivasi are in fact traditionally hunter-gatherers and the Indigenous peoples of Sri Lanka.

"At a broad scale, Adivasi today look genetically very similar to the Sinhalese and Sri Lankan Tamil. This must mean that the Sinhalese, Sri Lankan Tamils, or other groups migrating from South India must have met the Adivasi, mixed with them heavily, and contributed to what is the present-day genetic structure of the Adivasi," Raghavan said.

> The genetic ancestries and their proportions in the Adivasi and Sinhalese are most similar to Dravidian speaking populations, which live in Southern India today

The Sinhalese and the Adivasi are close to each other and share broad-level genetic similarities. On a finer-scale demographic resolution, however, the study found that the two Adivasi clans are a bit different from the Sinhalese. The Adivasi have slightly higher levels of ancient hunter-gatherer ancestry than the Sinhalese and the Sri Lankan Tamils, and have maintained smaller population sizes over the course of their history, both of which support their traditional hunting and gathering lifestyle.

The Adivasi genomes also display signatures of endogamy, which appear as long stretches of DNA inherited from a common ancestor. The study further reported that a consequence of the low population size and endogamy is that the genetic diversity among the Adivasi is lower than that in the urban populations, which may have an impact on their health and disease status.

While both Adivasi clans have maintained lower population sizes compared to the Sinhalese and Sri Lankan Tamils, the authors found that the Interior Adivasi clan seemed to have undergone a stronger reduction in their population size compared to the Coastal Adivasi, leading to a greater loss of their genetic diversity.

"We find the two Adivasi clans – the Coastal Adivasi and the Interior Adivasi – also have some differences in their genetic ancestry arising due to distinct geographic separation between them," Rai said.

This, according to Raghavan, indicated that the Interior Adivasi clan must have undergone stronger pressures, perhaps societal or environmental, to keep the population size lower compared to their Coastal counterparts. Explaining how the two Adivasi clans are more similar to each other, but still have genetic differences at a fine scale, she said that this basically means at some point in time, due to geographic separation, the genetic and lifestyle attributes of the two clans started to drift apart.

Capturing the population history

In fact, the fragmented nature of the Adivasi clans also impacted the study sampling strategy. While 35 individuals representing the two large groups – Sinhalese and Sri Lankan Tamils – have been included in the analyses, the numbers for the two Adivasi populations were small: five from among the interior Adivasi and 14 from among the Coastal Adivasi.Though it would be ideal to keep matched sample sizes of different populations for genetic analyses, the reason for including only small numbers for the two Adivasi clans was because the Adivasi communities today are very fragmented.

"Historical, anthropological, as well as our genetic results all suggest that these communities live in small sizes and practice endogamy," Raghavan said. "Because of endogamy, a lot of these individuals tend to be quite related to one another. Having really high relatedness in a group impacts the genetic analyses because then everybody's going to look like each other. So that's why our sample sizes were lower for the two Adivasi clans."

Despite the number of individuals representing the two Adivasi clans being small, the researchers were able to recapture the entire population history of these two groups. The study was able to address the questions that the researchers set out to do despite the Adivasi sample sizes being small, according to Raghavan.

"Since every individual's genome is a mosaic of their ancestor's genomes, even a small number of individuals can represent their population's genetic histories. Moreover, we didn't find any genetic outliers within the Adivasi clans. So, all the sampled individuals fit into the model that we propose," Rai clarified.

"This is the first time that high-resolution genome data have been sequenced from multiple populations in Sri Lanka, including the Indigenous Adivasi and urban Sinhalese, to understand the deeply rooted ancestries and their population histories," Rai added.

Broadly, the study has important implications for how humans moved across South Asia and highlights the high degree of interconnectedness between India and Sri Lanka over millennia.

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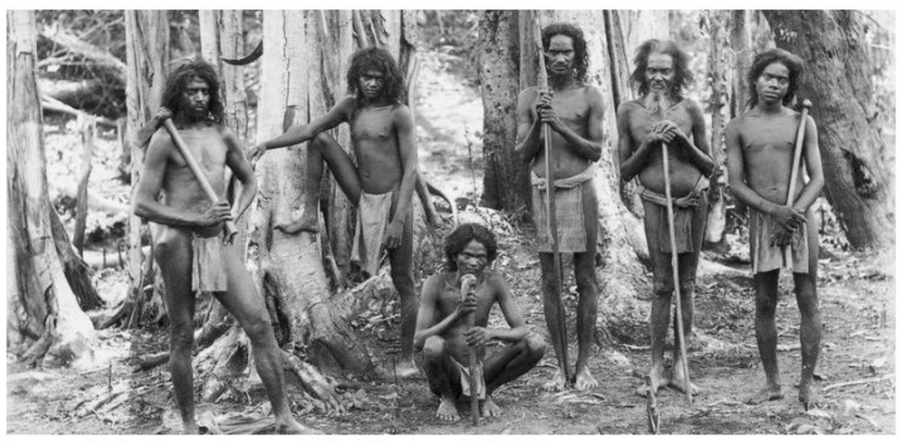
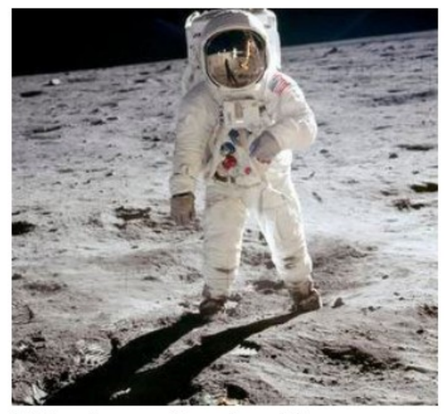
A photograph of a Sinhalese family, c. 1880-1899. PUBLIC DOMAIN



A group of Adivasi men photographed in Sri Lanka c. 1870-1904. PUBLIC DOMAIN



Neil Armstrong on the surface of the moon on July 20, 1969. NASA

Moondust is less harmful than earth's dust — but don't take a deep breath

Priyali Prakash

You wake up, brush, shower, dress up, grab breakfast, put on your shoes, and step out. It's a new morning and the sun is up, so you take a deep breath – and the city air serves you a gross reminder of why it's become a terrible idea to take deep breaths. Suddenly you're coughing, tearing up, and sneezing. Your nose rapidly becomes blocked.

This is perhaps the least of what city dust does to the human body. The particulate matter smaller than 2.5 micrometres, or PM2.5, in particular has been linked to a variety of medical conditions, including those affecting newborns and reducing human lifespan.

Unfortunately for you, even if you move to a moon base in the future, you'd be ill-advised to take a deep breath of your cabin's air if it has moondust suspended in it.

According to a study published recently in *Life Sciences in Space Research*, moondust is less harmful than the particulate matter we frequently encounter on the earth. However, both our urban dust and moondust seem capable of damaging certain lung cells.

The study's authors, from institutes in Macquarie Park, Sydney, and Ultimo in Australia, used two laboratory-generated versions of lunar dust – called LMS-1 and LHS-1, mimicking dust from the moon's mare and highland regions, respectively – in their experiments.

Large particles from LMS-1 and LHS-1 moondust were toxic at high concentrations. Smaller particles were less toxic to bronchial cells than PM2.5 particles are known to be

During NASA's Apollo missions from 1969 to 1972, astronauts complained of lunar dust sticking to their spacesuits and irritating their eyes and lungs. Lunar dust is statically charged, so it tends to stick to surfaces the same way a balloon rubbed against hair will cling to a wall right after.

The researchers used two groups of cells to represent the bronchial and the alveolar parts of human lungs. The bronchi transport air into the lungs while the alveoli are the sacs where the air exchanges oxygen with the blood.

The researchers found that large particles from both LMS-1 and LHS-1 moondust were toxic and inflammatory only at extremely high concentrations. The smaller particles in both dust types that a human could breathe deep into the lungs were found to be less toxic to bronchial cells than PM2.5 particles on the earth are known to be.

This said, both the moondust simulants and earth dust caused alveolar cells to die.

The study is important because space agencies like NASA in the U.S. and CNSA in China are planning to send astronauts to the moon. NASA's Artemis II mission is currently scheduled for 2026 and will carry four astronauts in a lunar flyby mission as an early step to "long-term return" to the natural satellite.

In future, as the human population on the moon builds up, both engineers designing and operating lunar habitats and medical workers expected to attend to the people inhabiting them will gain by understanding how moondust affects the human body.

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BMTC achieves pension milestone

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The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has reached a new milestone in employee welfare by issuing over 110 Pension Payment Orders (PPOs) in a single month under the PRAYAS scheme, setting a new record in June 2025.

According to BMTC, this achievement comes on the back of dedicated efforts by the corporation's Accounts Department and collaboration with the Regional Provident Fund Office.

Launched on July 21, 2020, the PRAYAS scheme ensures the timely issuance of pension benefits to employees turning 58 within the same month.

"BMTC has now emerged as one of the top organisations in Karnataka and India for issuing the highest number of PPOs under the scheme in a month. In the financial year 2024-25, the corporation processed 338 out of 372 pension applications, achieving a 91% completion rate. In recognition of these efforts, the Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) awarded appreciation certificates to BMTC on July 1, 2025," BMTC stated in a release.

Guruprasanna elected president of Century Club for 2025–26

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At the annual election of the Century Club held on Saturday, C.N. Guruprasanna was elected as the president for the year 2025-2026. Joining him in the leadership team are B.A. Abhishek as secretary, A.M. Raghavendran as treasurer, and K.R. Paranjothi as vice-president.

The newly elected executive committee members include M.N. Lakshman, K. Srinath, M.R. Nandish, Sangeetha Srikishen, Basavaraju Y.K., K.J. Paritosh, Leena Kashinath, K. Shivakumar, and Anand Govindaswamy Naidu.

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Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be comfortable. Night will be pleasant. Spell of light rain and thundershower may occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
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Abubacker Siddique, kingpin of 2013 blast outside BJP office, arrested by T.N. police

A time bomb placed on an old bike exploded in front of the office on April 17, 2023, injuring 17 persons, including a college student, who sustained severe injuries to her leg

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A file photo of the blast site near the BJP office at Malleswaram.

The Tamil Nadu police, on Tuesday, arrested Abubacker Siddique, 60, in Annamayya district, Andhra Pradesh, who was reportedly the kingpin of the bomb blast in front of the BJP head office in Malleswaram, Bengaluru, in 2013. He was absconding for over 30 years.

The police said that he is a member of Al Umma, a Tamil Nadu-based organisation, which was banned after a pipe bomb attack on veteran BJP leader L.K. Advani in Coimbatore in 1998.

On April 17, 2023, a time bomb placed on an old bike exploded in front of the BJP office, injuring a total of 17, including a college-going girl, who sustained severe injuries to her leg.

The Central Crime Branch (CCB), Bengaluru city police, which investigated the case, unearthed a terror module allegedly put together by Abubacker Siddique from the remnants of Al Umma. The organisation was known to target only Hindutva activists, organisations and establishments.

"The bike on which the time bomb was placed led us to a used bike dealer in Tamil Nadu, who gave the number of one of those who bought the said bike. The SIM card was also stolen. But using technical analysis, we made the first arrests, and their interrogation led us to unravel the entire module," a senior police official involved in the probe into the blast recalled.

Tamil Nadu police were probing a series of targeted murders of Hindutva activists in the State in 2013, when the bomb blast happened in front of the BJP office in Bengaluru. The same module busted by the city police turned out to be behind those cases as well.

Following the initial arrests, including that of Kichan Buhari, one of the key conspirators, three other key accused in the case - Panna Ismail, Police Fakruddin and Bilal Mallik - were arrested after a fierce gun battle in which an accused and a police officer were injured in Puttur, Chittoor district, Andhra Pradesh. Panna Ismail had parked the explosive-laden bike in front of the BJP office, the police said.

"Their interrogation revealed that the leader of the module, who had put it together, was Abubacker Siddique, who had been on the run since 1995. Siddique was a shadowy figure, known to be very radicalised. There were many alarming reports about him. Some reports even suggested that it was linked to Al Qaeda and is said to have gone and fought in the Afghan war against American forces post 9/11. All efforts to nab him did not yield any results," a senior police official from the State, who pursued the elusive terror operative for many years, said.

To seek custody

Abubacker Siddique has been listed as an absconding accused in the BJP office blast case chargesheet. The officials said that the city police will shortly move the court to seek his custody in the case.

Blast survivor says she got closure with the arrest

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Even after 10 surgeries, Leesha is left to live with disability after suffering severe leg injuries in the blast

Of the 17 persons who sustained injuries in the Malleswaram BJP office blast in 2013, Leesha N.S., then a II PUC student on her way to a coaching class, suffered the most.

Even after 10 surgeries, she is left to live with disability after suffering severe leg injuries in the blast. "My leg is not back to normal. There is no angular movement, and I walk using a crutch," she told *The Hindu* on Wednesday.

When asked if the arrest of the kingpin of the blast after so many years gave her closure, she said that she was an unwitting victim of the blast, and it changed her life forever, and the fact that the man responsible for it was still walking free sometimes pricked her. "Earlier this year, on April 17, the anniversary of the blast, I thought about how the day changed my life, and it had already been 12 years, and how people responsible for the act were still not brought to book. He has been arrested, finally, after 12 long years. I am happy that the man has been nabbed at least now," she said. Ms. Leesha went on to pursue Masters in Computer Applications (MCA).

The court ordered the State government to offer her a compensatory job for the disability she suffered in the blast, following which she was offered one. Ms. Leesha now works as a First Division Clerk (FDC) at the Karnataka Home Guards and Civil Defence.

KIA wins 10 awards at FAB 2025

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The Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) has won 10 awards at the 2025 Airport Food & Beverage (FAB) + Hospitality Conference and Awards held recently in Barcelona, Spain.

The 080 Lounge at Terminal 2 was crowned the Best Lounge of the Year - Regional and Global, along with Airport F&B Offer of the Year - Sense of Place - Regional and Global, in recognition of their immersive local culinary experience and thoughtfully designed spaces that reflect Karnataka's cultural vibrancy. Qila, the signature restaurant within the 080 Domestic Lounge at T2, was awarded Best Restaurant Design - Regional. The 080 Domestic Lounge at Terminal 1 clinched the Airport Lounge Opening of the Year - Regional and Global.

Qila, the signature restaurant within the 080 Domestic Lounge at KIA's T2, has been awarded Best Restaurant Design – Regional.

Others to win awards include The Irish House at T2, which won Airport Casual Dining Restaurant of the Year - Regional, CTR which won Airport F&B Offer of the Year - Sense of Place - Regional and Global categories.

"These wins reflect the dedication, creativity, and passion our teams and partners bring to the table every day. It's a proud moment not just for KIA, but for India. We will continue striving to create spaces that celebrate Karnataka's rich heritage while offering world-class experiences to every traveller who passes through our airport," Kenneth Guldbjerg, chief commercial officer at Bangalore International Airport Ltd.

3 ADGPs facing departmental probe may lead to out-of-turn promotions for next in line

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Alok Kumar

M.A. Saleem

Three seniormost ADGPs – Alok Kumar, B. Dayananda, and Amrit Paul – are facing departmental inquiries

With two Director-General of Police (DGP) posts becoming vacant by the end of July, two seniormost Additional Director-General of Police (ADGP)-rank officials are to be promoted as DGPs. However, three seniormost ADGPs of the State – Alok Kumar (1994 batch), B. Dayananda (1994 batch), and Amrit Paul (1995 batch) – are facing departmental inquiries, which as of now rule them out for consideration for promotions.

If they do not get legal relief and the State government decides to go ahead with promotions next in the seniority list, Umesh Kumar and Arun Chakravarthy J., both from the 1995 batch, will get out-of-turn promotions as DGPs, sources said. Former Director-General and Inspector-General of Police Alok Mohan retired from service on May 22, and M.A. Saleem has been made incharge DG&IGP with concurrent charge as DGP (CID). His appointment as the head of the police force is yet to be confirmed by the Union Public Services Commission (UPSC), and is expected to come by in a few weeks. Meanwhile, Malini Krishnamoorthy, presently DGP (Prisons and Correctional Services), will retire on July 31.

Legal hurdles

Going by seniority, Mr. Kumar and Mr. Dayananda would have been promoted as DGPs. However, both of them are facing legal hurdles.

Mr. Kumar is facing allegations of illegal phone tapping when he was the Bengaluru Police Commissioner in 2019. A departmental inquiry against him in connection with the case has been initiated. The Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) has stayed further proceedings, and the case that came up for hearing on July 1 was adjourned till July 8. However, charges have already been framed against him, and the inquiry has not been quashed. Unless he gets relief from CAT, his promotion is unlikely to happen immediately, sources said. However, the State government may also choose to wait to promote officials as DGPs till the final outcome of his petition in CAT, sources added.

Mr. Dayananda was suspended on June 5 along with four other officers following the stampede at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here that claimed 11 lives when he was the city Police Commissioner. A magisterial inquiry and judicial commission inquiry are ongoing, and the Home Department is all set to initiate a departmental inquiry against these officers. Though CAT quashed the suspension order of one of the IPS officers and said it expected the same benefit to be given to other suspended officers, it is unlikely to clear the path for Mr. Dayananda's promotion, sources said. The officer next on the seniority list, Mr. Paul, should have been promoted as DGP, but has bigger legal challenges. Arrested by the CID in July 2022 in the police sub-inspector recruitment scam, he has been chargesheeted, facing criminal prosecution, and suspended pending a departmental inquiry, ruling him out for any promotion.

This comes even as one of the six DGPs, K. Ramachandra Rao, has been sent on compulsory leave and a departmental inquiry initiated against him over allegations of misuse of his escort services by his stepdaughter Ranya Rao to smuggle gold out of Kempegowda International Airport. She was arrested by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) while allegedly trying to smuggle 14.2 kg of gold out of the airport on March 3, escorted by two police constables.

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Number of private sector jobs lost in the U.S. in June 2025

33,000 As per ADP chief economist Nela Richardson, a slowdown in hiring and reluctance to replace departing workers led to job losses, particularly in professional services, education, and healthcare. AFP

Civilians killed in South Sudan in first three months of 2025

739 This figure marks a 110% increase from last quarter (352 deaths), with Warrap State recording the most casualties. The surge follows intensified clashes between President Salva Kiir and Vice President Riek Machar, whose detention in March escalated tensions. AFP

Number of Bangladeshi nationals held in Delhi

18 Bangladeshi nationals, including seven women and six children were apprehended near the Panchsheel flyover in south Delhi for residing illegally in India, the police said on Wednesday. Most were engaged in informal jobs like rag-picking and daily-wage labour. PTI

Number of deaths in Europe due to early summer heatwave

8 People died as an early summer heatwave swept across Europe. France hospitalised 300 people, Italy issued red alerts in 18 cities, and Switzerland shut down a nuclear reactor due to overheated river water. In Spain, wildfires destroyed farms, while 50,000 people were evacuated in Turkey. REUTERS

Tariffs to be paid by Vietnam on exports to the U.S.

20 In per cent. U.S. President Donald Trump claimed that Vietnam will also pay a 40% tariff on transshipped goods, under a new trade deal. In a Truth Social post, Trump said Vietnam would open its market to U.S. products at 0% tariff. REUTERS

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Are gig workers a part of India's labour data?

Though gig work is technically included under economic activity in the Periodic Labour Force Survey, without a specific classification, the survey fails to offer visibility into the unique nature of digital labour, characterised by multiple job roles, dependence on algorithms, lack of formal contract and absence of safety metrics

ECONOMIC NOTES

Durga Narayan

The 2025 Union Budget took several measures to formally 'recognise' gig and platform workers, and extended various social protection schemes to this growing workforce. Despite this recognition, the revised Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), 2025 does not include substantive changes to account for the diverse forms of gig and platform work.

Gaps in labour classification

Gig workers were first incorporated into the legal framework through the Code on Social Security, 2020. Under Chapter I, Section 2(35), a gig worker is defined as "a person who participates in a work arrangement and earns from such activities outside of a traditional employer-employee relationship." Platform work, as defined in the Code, is "a work arrangement outside of a traditional employer-employee relationship in which organisations or individuals use an online platform to access other organisations or individuals to solve specific problems or to provide specific services or any such other activities which may be notified by the Central Government, in exchange for payment."

While this definition separates gig workers from both formal and informal categories, it doesn't clearly define who a gig worker is or the nature of gig work. According to NITI Aayog's 2022 report 'India's Booming Gig and Platform Economy,' the gig workforce is expected to reach 23.5 million by 2029-30. Despite such projections and efforts to define gig work, India's primary labour statistics source, the PLFS, continues to subsume gig work under vague categories such as 'self-employed', 'own-account workers', or 'casual labour'. This statistical invisibility has direct consequences.

On the periphery: Gig workers prepare to deliver orders in New Delhi, in 2024. REUTERS

Clause 141 of the Code on Social Security, 2020, "seeks to provide that the Central Government shall establish a Social Security Fund for social security and welfare of the unorganised workers, gig workers and platform workers." Similarly, the National Social Security Board, constituted under Section 6 of the Code on Social Security, 2020, is tasked with framing and overseeing welfare schemes for gig and platform workers. Such welfare boards and policymakers rely on the PLFS for 'evidence-based policy,' but the absence of a distinct category for gig and platform workers undermines its very intent. When classification itself is unclear in primary datasets, access to schemes becomes uneven and exclusionary.

How the PLFS falls short

In response to a Rajya Sabha query on whether the government had updated PLFS methodology to capture the rise of gig work, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation stated, "No updation in the PLFS Schedule has been undertaken with the objective of specifically identifying persons engaged in the gig economy. However, all market activities i.e. activities performed for pay or profit which result in production of goods and services for exchange are included under the domain of economic activity considered in PLFS. The activity situation of a person who is found to be working or being engaged in economic activity during a specified reference period is associated with employment in PLFS. Hence, even the persons engaged in 'gig economy' for pay & profit are covered in PLFS."

Though gig work is technically included under economic activity, without a specific category or classification, the survey fails to offer visibility into the unique nature of digital labour, characterised by multiple job roles, dependence on algorithms, lack of formal contract and absence of safety metrics. In the survey, while the question on the type of job contract provides an option for 'no written job contract', it doesn't capture the hybrid nature of work.

Unlike traditional self-employment, gig work is shaped by platform algorithms, performed across multiple apps and are mostly task-based rather than time-bound. Workers have no stable contracts, and often rely on digital reach. Many lack access to benefits or protections available to formal workers, and don't fully own their work processes, making the "self-employed" label misleading. Employment uncertainties, income volatility and algorithm governance remain invisible within PLFS classification. A food delivery person working across platforms like Swiggy, Zomato, for instance, will be flattened into a category that does not reflect entirely on their employment conditions or social security needs.

Recognition without representation

Recent policy efforts like the e-Shram registration, the issuance of digital ID cards, and health coverage under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana indicate the state's recognition of the gig and platform workforce. But unless statistical systems like the PLFS evolve, the data meant to support and monitor these interventions cannot be considered inclusive.

The 2025 PLFS revision introduced some important updates: a larger sample size, monthly estimates, and better rural representation. However, it still does not address the issues of how gig work is defined and understood. For inclusive policy making, India must update PLFS classification codes or introduce survey modules that distinctly capture gig work.

Durga Narayan is a policy researcher affiliated with the Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS) and the Observer Research Foundation (ORF), Mumbai.

THE GIST

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How did Indian universities fare on the QS ranking list?

What are the parameters on which universities are judged? How can Indian universities improve?

Somak Raychaudhury

The story so far:

For the first time, in the international ranking of universities published by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), a company specialising in higher education analysis based in the U.K., Indian universities have more than 50 spots in the top 1,500. The highest rank among Indian universities goes to IIT Delhi (Rank 123), closely followed by IIT Bombay, IIT Madras, IIT Kharagpur and IISc Bengaluru. This number has increased from 11 in 2015 to 54 in 2026, with eight universities, including Ashoka University in Haryana and Shiv Nadar Institute of Eminence in Greater Noida, getting featured for the first time.

What are the parameters?

The 2026 ranking is based on a whole range of parameters which include the learning environment on campus, academic reputation (30%), impactful research (citations for research papers count for 20%, and international research network 5%), diversity (student diversity, international faculty and students count for 10%), student outcomes (employer reputation counts for 15%, while student placements 5%) and campus sustainability (5%).

Has higher education improved?

These rankings reflect how Indian universities are increasingly adapting to the norms followed by universities worldwide, and are thus becoming comparable to international universities.

For instance, the average undergraduate student to faculty ratio in Indian universities is 19. In order to be internationally competitive, this number needs to be between 10-15. At Ashoka University, for instance, over the last year for about 3,000 undergraduates, the ratio was 11.5. These undergraduates come from 20 countries, which enhances the score for international diversity. Most universities in India have few international students, and most public universities cannot employ international faculty, which results in low scores in these categories.

Moreover, over the last few decades, Indian universities have not put much emphasis on original research carried out by faculty and students. For STEM subjects especially, the research is traditionally done in research institutes. This is in sharp contrast to global practices, as universities are the primary institutions where creation of knowledge takes place, in addition to its transmission to students, worldwide.

However, this is now changing. More and more universities, particularly IITs/IISERs and new private sector universities, are paying particular attention to research. With the advent of the National Education Plan, 2020 (NEP), which emphasises on research in universities, more and more Indian institutions will take their place on international ranking lists.

Public universities used to pay very little attention to the employment opportunities of students, but professional institutes such as the IITs and IIMs have always had placement cells and employers' fairs. Now, even for large central universities, this is an important consideration. All this is crucial to international ranking lists such as the QS.

How can universities fare better?

As more and more universities begin to build research networks across the world, and hire quality faculty who can do research along with the necessary teaching of students, we will see the rise of Indian universities in these ranking lists. India needs to encourage international students and faculty to become part of its educational institutions and to closely work with industry in identifying potential employment destinations for students. Particular attention to environmental aspects and sustainability in campuses will also earn points for universities aspiring to be among the top educational institutions.

Somak Raychaudhury is Vice-Chancellor and Professor of Physics, Ashoka University, Delhi-NCR. All opinions are personal.

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Corrigendum

We hereby inform the public that the notice advertisement for the sale of immovable properties of Kittur Rani Channamma Urban Credit Souharda Sahakari Ltd., Bailahongal Sale by inviting Tenders / Public Auction* (A) Rule 8 (5) and (6) for Immovable property & (B) Rule 6 (1) and for movable property under Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules 2002. Published

newspaper on 2.7.2025, in column number five, the date of submission of tender and property inspection should be amended to read as 1/8/2025 and the date of auction in column number six should be amended to read as 2/8/2025 and the process will be held on these days.

Place : Bailahongala
Date : 03-07-2025

sd/- **Authorized Officer,** Kittur Rani Channamma Urban Credit Souharda Sahakari Ltd., Bailahongala

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, CHITRADURGA

No.EE:PWD:CTA:JE-1:Tender-16:2025-26 Dated:- 02.07.2025

SHOR TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from registered Contractors in KPWD for the following work through KPPP Portal as per standard tender documents rules.

Name of work:- Two cover System :_ Head of Account 5054-04-337-0-01-154 MDR Improvements:-(1) Improvements and Asphalting to road Aimangala-Horakedevapura via Dasannanamalige from Ch 1.00 to 3.50km and 6.00 to 10.00km (in selected reaches) in Hiriyur Taluk (Working Ch 1.00 to 2.00 Km, 2.90 to 3.05 km, 6.00 to 8.40 km and 9.25 to 9.75 km) (WI.19324)/Call-3 **Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs:-**250.00

Tender dates are as mentioned below: Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications 17-07-2025 Time: 17.30

Last Date & time for receipt of tenders 18-07-2025 Time: 16.00

Date & time for opening of Technical Bid 19-07-2025 Time: 16.15

Date & time for opening of Financial Bid 21-08-2025 Time: 11.00

Further details can be obtained from this office and H.P. Company helpline Numbers 080-25501216 and 080-25501227.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/ 189/2025-26

Sd/- Executive Engineer PWD, Chitradurga.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture,
East Zone, 17th Floor, Mayohall Building,
M.G. Road, Bengaluru-560 001

No: SADH/TENDER/02/2025-26 Dated: 02.07.2025

LETTER OF INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Two Cover System) (STD KW-1, KW-2, KW-3 & KW-4)

(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only)

The Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (East) Zone, (Referred to as Employer in these documents) invites Tenders to Implement in accordance with KTPP rules 2000, from eligible and experienced Person/Agencies/ Firms (Referred to as Tenderers in these documents) registered in Labour Department for Maintenance of Parks.

Sl No	Name of the Work
1	Beautification, Landscape Development, Water Facility and Other Civil Works in Hebbala Assembly Constituency Parks. **Amount: ₹.1,69,44,360.37 EMD: ₹.2,54,165.00**

Calendar of Events: **(1)** Date of Notification is **02.07.2025. (2)** Tender can be downloaded from **04.07.2025. (3)** Pre bid meeting on **07.07.2025** at **11:30** am. **(4)** Tender Closing date **14.07.2025** at **4:30** pm **(5)** Technical Bid Opening Date **16.07.2025** at **4:30** pm. **(6)** Financially Bid Opening Date After approval of Technical Bid. **Sd/-**

Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (East Zone)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಸಣ್ಣ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್ಜಲ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಹಳಿಯಾಳ ವಿಭಾಗ (ಉ.ಕ)

ಇ–ಮೇಲ್: midhly@yahoo.co.in ಫೋ.ನಂ: 08284–220113

ನಂ:ಕಾನಿಅ/ಸನೀವಿಹ/ತಾವಿ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/4702/2025–26/628 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27/06/2025

ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್) ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–3&4

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಿ ನವೀಕರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಐಟಂ ದರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ–2000 ಮತ್ತು ಇತ್ತೀಚಿನ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳಂತೆ **KW-4** (ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ) ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ "ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನ" ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ.

1) ಇಂಟೆಂಡ್ ನಂ: 3920 2ನೇ ಕರೆ 2) ಇಂಟೆಂಡ್ ನಂ: 3922 2ನೇ ಕರೆ

ಖಾಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಫಾರಂಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ವೆಬಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ: **"https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in"** ದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **04–07–2025** ರ ನಂತರದಿಂದ ಡೌನಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕುರಿತಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **02–08–2025** ರೊಳಗಾಗಿ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟೀಕರಣಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಚೇರಿ ಅಥವಾ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ಪರಿಹರಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: **04–08–2025** ರ ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ **05.15** ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: **05–08–2025** ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ **05.30** ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ ಅನುಮೋದನೆ ನಂತರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

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ವಿ.ಸೂ: ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

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Government of Karnataka - Zilla Panchayat,

Social Welfare Department, Shivamogga

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ಸಂ: ಉನಿ/ಸಕಇಶಿ/ಪ.ವ್ಯ/ವಿ.ನಿ /ಆಹಾರ ಸಾಮಗ್ರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್/ಸಿಆರ್–01/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ:30–06–2025.

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

e-Procurement Tender Applications are invited from interested tenderers for availing through outsource agencies human resource services for various cadre of Group 'C'and 'D' posts vacant at Pre/Post-Matric Student Hostels/Residential Schools and Offices of Social Welfare Department in the limits of Shivamogga/Bhadravathi/Shikaripura/Sagar/Soraba/ Thirthalli and Hosanagara Taluks for the year 2025-26.

Therefore, interested Tenderers for providing through outsource agencies human resource services for various cadre of Group 'C'and 'D' posts vacant at Pre/ Post-Matric Student Hostels/Residential Schools and Offices of Social Welfare Department in the limits of Shivamogga/Bhadravathi/Shikaripura/Sagar/Soraba/ Thirthalli and Hosanagara Taluks can submit e-Tender applications within 5.30 PM on 23.07.2025 and upload Tender Applications through website https:// kppp.karnataka.gov.in and for further information it is requested to contact Office of the Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department, Pruthvi Mansion, 100 feet Road, Vinobha Nagar, Shivamogga.

Office Phone No.: 08182-249241

Sd/- Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department, Shivamogga District.

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JOINT ADMISSION COUNSELLING, DELHI 2025

Revised Counselling Schedule for Admission for B.Tech. & B.Arch. Programmes 2025-2026

DTU | NSUT | IGDTUW | IIIT-D

The following Major Changes are being done in the Counselling Schedule of JAC 2025

1. Another window of Choice Editing after Round 3 has been added in the Schedule given ahead to enable interested candidates to add/modify their choices of institute/branch from July 03,2025 (01 PM) to July 04, 2025 (01 PM)
2. Dates of Round 4 Seat Allotment Result and Physical Reporting are now changed. There will be no physical reporting on July 07 and July 08 now.
3. Last Date of Withdrawal with Seat Acceptance Fee Refund has been extended to 12th July 2025 (till 10:30 pm)
4. An additional counselling Round 5 has been introduced after Round 4 before the Upgradation Round. Date of Upgradation Round has therefore changed.
5. Tentative dates of **PHYSICAL SPOT ROUND** announced.

For detailed information, please visit website: **https://jacdelhi.admissions.nic.in**

HELP DESK: helpdesk.jacdelhi2025@dtu.ac.in

Chairperson, JAC Delhi 2025

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Senior Assistant Director (Education),
N.R. Square, Bengaluru-02

No.: S.A.D.(E)/P.R/E-133914/2025-26 Date: 02.07.2025

INVITATION FOR QUOTATION

Quotations are invited to obtain current market rates for providing the following number of Stationary Items to children studying in the 93-Shishuvihar schools of the Palike for the academic year 2025-26.

Sl. No.	Stationary Items Details	Required Quantity	Specification
1	Crayons (Plastic)	5202 Box's	14 colour shades in one box (Tin)
2	Pencil	5202 Box's	10 pieces in one box with eraser and sharpener
3	Clay-modelling dough	5202 Box's	6 colours in 1 box with 50 grams each
4	Flash Card (Animals and their young one)	5202 Pack's	36 Flash cards: front and back
5	Flash Card (alphabets front & back)	5202 Pack's	26 Flash cards: front and back
6	Flash Card (Fruits and vegetables)	5202 Pack's	40 Flash cards
7	Flash Card (colour and shapes)	5202 Pack's	36 Flash cards front and back

(1) Quotation should be submitted by **5:00 pm** on **09.07.2025.**

(2) Only suppliers of Stationary Items are required to submit the quotations along with the GST certificate.

Sd/- Senior Assistant Director (Education), BBMP

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, RAICHUR

Estate Officer, UAS, Raichur

No. EO/UASR/TND- 184/2025-26 Date: 30-06-2025.

E-Auction Notification

The University of Agricultural sciences, Raichur intends to invest its surplus funds through e-auction in term deposits with Scheduled public sector/Private sector banks including RRBs. The detailed terms and conditions of the e-auction can be downloaded from the kpp portal of the Government of Karnataka at https:// kppp.karnatka.gov.in. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:- (1) Date and Time to confirm Participation of Interest in Auction:-15-07-2025 Upto 5.00 PM. (2) Start Date and Time of Evaluation:- 18-07-2025 At 11.05 AM.(3) Live bidding:- On 21-07-2025 From 11.05 AM to 4.00 PM. For more details, please contact the Comptroller, office of the Comptroller, Administrative Building, University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur. Contact No. 9480696303. And visit the link https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in for detailed tender notification. Contact helpdesk number: 080 - 25501216 & 080 - 25501227

DIP/RCR/221/KSMCA/222/2025-26

Sd/- ESTATE OFFICER, U.A.S, RAICHUR.

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No. CESC/GM(P)/DGM(P)/AGM(P-2)/2025-26/9423 **Date:** 01.07.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

CESC, Mysore invites Short Term Tenders from eligible bidders for Materials as mentioned below:

Sl.No.	Nomenclature of the Work	Enquiry No./Date
1.	Supply of LT Polyolefin Heat Shrinkable Tube Insulation covered ACSR Rabbit conductor to CESC, Mysuru O&M circle jurisdiction.	C2-6186/CALL-2/ 06-05-2025
2.	Supply of LT Polyolefin Heat Shrinkable Tube Insulation covered ACSR Rabbit conductor to CESC, Mandya O&M circle jurisdiction.	C2-6187/CALL-2/ 06-05-2025
3.	Supply of LT Polyolefin Heat Shrinkable Tube Insulation covered ACSR Rabbit conductor to CESC, Hassan O&M circle jurisdiction.	C2-6188/CALL-2/ 06-05-2025
4.	Supply of LT Polyolefin Heat Shrinkable Tube Insulation covered ACSR Rabbit conductor to CESC, Chamarajanagara-Kodagu O&M circle jurisdiction.	C2-6189/CALL-2/ 06-05-2025

The details regarding participation in the tender can be obtained through e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **04-07-2025.** For clarification contact help desk **080-46010000/ /22631200/68948777** or e-mail address support@eprochelpdesk.com.

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Sd/-
General Manager (Procurement)
CESC, Mysuru.

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KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)

Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer,(Metro Rail Project),
No. 14/3, 1st Floor,Aravindha Bhavana Building, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560001.

No. KIADB/LAQ/METRO/Airportline-2B/2025-26 Date: 01.07.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE (Under section 28(2) of KIAD Act)

It is hereby given publication for the information of the public that the **KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD.** Bangalore has proposed to acquire the following scheduled properties for the purpose of 2B Phase Airport Line of **METRO RAIL PROJECT.** The Preliminary Notification Under Section 1(3), 3(1) & 28(1) in this behalf is issued vide Notification No: CI 76 SPQ 2025 Bangalore dated **31-05-2025** by the Government of Karnataka and the same has already been published in the Karnataka Gazette dated **31-05-2025.**

All the absolute owners and interested persons in the Schedule properties specified below shall file their OBJECTIONS IF ANY to the undersigned , Notice u/s 28(2) of KIAD Act, has already been served to the notified Khatedar/Anubhavdar, interested persons. As some of the property owners refused to receive the notice and address of some of the Khatedars are not available, notices could not be served. Hence, this notice is published in the News papers to provide opportunity to them.

Any contracts for the disposal of the said lands buy sale. Mortgage, Assignment, Exchange or otherwise or any improvement made therein without prior permission of the competent authority, after the date of publication of this notification under the provisions of Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 and KIAD Act 1966 will be disregarded while assessing compensation for such parts of the said lands as may be finally acquired.

The map of the area comprised therein and the notification specifying the lands which is proposed to be acquired may be verified in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, KIADB, (Metro Rail Project) Bangalore during the office hours on all working days. Enquiry is fixed on **08-07-2025 at 11.00 AM** in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, K.I.A.D.B. (Metro Rail Project), No. 14/3, 1st Floor, Aravindha Bhavana Building, Bangalore. Interested persons are hereby requested to be present with relevant documents. Failing which, further action will be taken in accordance with law.

Schedule

Enquiry Date:08-07-2025 **Time: 11.00 am**

Village : Benniganahalli **Hobli: Mahadevapura**
Taluk: Bangalore East **District : Bangalore Urban**

SL No	Property Owner	I.D. No	L.A/CTS No	B.B.M.P. Property No	Area acquired (sq.Mtr)
1	B.N. Latha Manjula W/o M Muralidhara	ARP-3RD-11ADL-1	45	PID NO-84-138-2M-102	31.52
2	Srinivas Pishe	ARP-3RD-11ADL-1A	45	PID NO-84-138-2M-104	11.34
				Total (A)	**42.86**
	Village : Nagavara **Taluk: Bangalore North**			**Hobli: Kasaba** **District : Bangalore Urban**	
3	1.Mariya sanna S/o Syed Mubasheer Ahamed 2.Mariya Maina S/o Syed Mubasheer Ahamed	**ARP-NGW-1**	**154/1**	251/261	62.63
				Total (B)	**62.63**
				Total (A+B)	**105.49**

SD/-
Special Land Acquisition Officer-1, (Metro Rail Project),
Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560001.

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BANGALORE UNIVERSITY

Office of the Registrar, Jnanabharathi, Bengaluru - 56.

No.: BU/E-Gov/Tenders-ADV-04/2025-26 Date: 02.07.2025

E-Tender Notification

Bangalore University invites bids for the following tenders through **Karnataka Public Procurement Portal.** Details of the tenders are available at e-procurement platform **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Bids are to be submitted electronically at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Bidders are requested to adhere to the time schedule prescribed in the tender.

Sl.No.	Description of the Tender
1	Supply of Gold Medals for the 60th Annual Convocation (CALL-3)

DIPR/CP/1594/SSC/2025-26

Sd/-
REGISTRAR

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public are hereby notified that my client **B. Lokesh** and **Smt. Rani .R** are absolute owner of All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No.04, Property No.6145/13/4/04, E PID No. 9550801165, Khatha No.6145 assessment No.13/4, situated at Herohalli, Yeshwathpura Hobli, Bangalore North taluk, Bangalore. Presently within the limits of BBMP purchased the property from Sri. Muralidhar through Registered sale deed bearing Doc.No. 1462/2025-26 Dated 20.06.2025 and now availing loan from Piramal Capital Ltd. And previously property was transferred through GPA. Any person objecting to the proposed Purchase & Mortgage or having any right, title, interest or charge over or in the said property may lodge their objections and /or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence by registered post **within 07 days** from the date of this publication and objections and /or claims received thereafter will not be binding on my client will proceed to mortgage the below mentioned property as if there are no claimants/objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No.04, Property No.6145/13/4/04, E PID No.9550801165, Khatha No.6145 assessment No.13/4, situated at Herohalli, Yeshwathpura Hobli, Bangalore North taluk, Bangalore. Presently within the limits of BBMP and bounded on: **East By:** Road; **West By:** Site No.5; **North By:** Road; **South By:** Private Property.

SD/- A.S ASSOCIATES, ADVOCATE
No. 001, 1st Floor, JPC Paramount, Opp. to Shabari Residency, H. Siddaiah Road, Bangalore-02

Place: Bangalore **Date: 01.07.2025**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that my client negotiating to purchase all that property described in the Schedule herein from Sri V RAVI (Owner), who claim to be the owner of the Schedule Property.

Any person or persons ascertaining any right, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof and in any manner whatsoever against the Schedule Property based on the documents pertaining to the Schedule Property or objecting for the proposed development may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within 7 (Seven) days from the date of this publication and objections and/or claims received thereafter will not be binding on my client/s and my client/s will proceed to purchase the below mentioned property as if there are no objections/claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing BDA Site No. 1666/A, situated at HSR Layout, 07th Sector, Bengaluru-560 102, now within the limits of BBMP Ward No.174 having BBMP New E.P.I.D No.1119/1666/A and PID No.3080746283 measuring East to West: 18.29 Meters and North to South: 12.19 Meters, totally measuring 222.95 Sq, Meters, with house constructed thereon and bounded as follows: -

East by: 80 Feet Road
West by: Site No. 1663/A
North by: Site No. 1667/A
South by: Site No. 1665/A.

ROOPA SHETTY, Advocate
Lex Situs, No.810, 'BILWAPRIYA PLATINA', 2nd Floor, 27th Main Road, HSR Layout, Sector 1, Bangalore - 560102.
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Mahatma Gandhi Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University, Gadag

Koushalya Vikas Bhavan, Grama Gangothri Campus, Nagavi, Gadag-582103 E-mail : ksrdpru@gmail.com Ph : 08372-200920, 200922

Ref : RDPRU 88 GEN 2025 Date : 01-07-2025

NOTIFICATION

The university had invited tender from eligible tenderers for supply and installation of Academic Furniture's for MGRDPRU as detailed in below table on behalf of Hon'ble Governer of Karnataka as per standard Bid Document.

Details : The Supply and Installation of Academic Furniture's for MGRDPRU, Approximate amount put to tender Rs. 60 Lakhs (Sixty Lakhs), EMD Rs. 1,20,000/- (One Lakh Twenty Thousand), Place of Delivery : KVB Building, MGRDPRU, Gram Gangotri Campus, Nagavi Road, Gadag.

Calendar of events for Tender is as follows :

(a) Last Date & Time for submission of Tender : **21-07-2025** Time 4:00 pm (b) Date of Sample verification : **23-07-2025** Time 11:00 am. (c) Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening : **24-07-2025** Time 11:00 am. (d) Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening : **26-07-2025** Time 11:00 am.

For more details contact the office of The Registrar, KSRDPRU, Gadag (08372-230338) during office hours.

DIPR/Gadag/KSMCA/149/2025-26

Sd/- Registrar KSRDPR University, Gadag.

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TENDER NOTICE NO. CE (P&C): TN-07: 2025-26

[A] PROCUREMENT: E-3008, 3049, 3050, 3055, 3056, 3057: - (1) 66 KV 630 sq. mm. Poly-Al-Poly XLPE Cable on variable price basis and 6.6KV PVC Cable on Firm price basis as per specifications for the year 2025-26 (2) Purchase of 66 KV to 400 KV CT/PT & CVT under Buy back Scheme as per Indent by AM Department under R&M scheme against Tender No. CE(P&C)/I/E-3049/ CT-PT (Buyback)/2025-26 (3) Purchase of EHV CT - PT,CVT & NCT, Indent received for the year 2025-26 against tender No.: CE(P&C)/I/E-3050/ EHV CT-PT/CVT/NCT/2025-26 (4) Purchase of Hardware & Accessories for AL-59 (Equivalent weight to Panther) for the year 2025-26 as per technical specification and Schedule-A (5) 66 KV 630 sq. mm. Al. Corrugated XLPE Cable on variable price basis as per specifications for the year 2025-26 (6) ACSR Dog, Panther, Zebra & Moose Conductors on returnable steel drums as per specifications for F.Y. 2025-26 on variable price basis.

[B] CIVIL: CE(P&C)/CONTRACTS/CIVIL: 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519: - (1) ARC contract for construction of foundations and other misc. work for Line bay, TR Bay, Breaker replacement and Bus strengthening at various 66kv to 400kv S/s under Patan AM Division Under Mehsana Circle (2) Extension of Control Room Building at 66kV Sultanpur S/s, 66kV Gokhlana S/s & Renovation at 132kV Jasdan S/s with Old CR Colour work, Water proofing work & Misc. Civil works under Gondal division & Under Gondal Circle (3) Construction of Control Room Building, Staff Quarter, Foundations, precast Cable Trench, precast C'Wall, RCC Road & misc. civil works etc. on pile foundation at 66KV Mota Rann S/s Ta. Bhuj, Dist: Kutch under Anjar Circle (4) Construction of Control Room Building, Foundations, Cable Trench, C'Wall, RCC Road & misc. Civil works etc at 66 KV Fanidhar (Mudarda) S/s, Ta. Jotana & Dist.- Mehsana under Mehsana circle (5) Construction of Control Room Building, Foundations, Cable Trench, C'Wall, RCC Road & misc. Civil works etc. at 66 KV Vadaswami S/s, Ta. Kalol & Dist.-Gandhinagar under Mehsana circle (6) Construction of Control Room Building, Foundations, Cable Trench, Comp. wall, RCC Road, Yard water supply, Watchman cabin etc. at 66KV Sanathal -2 (Ulariya) S/s & Other end of any 66KV S/s Ta: Sanand, Dist. Ahmedabad Under Nadiad Circle (7) Providing Tower pile foundation of location no 10/1 (DA+6), 10/0 (DD+6) i.e., 02 Nos. of Tower Type 220KV MA+6 in Creek area of Narmada for erection of 132kV Bharuch-Ankleshwar line under Bharuch Circle. For TSS Bay work. (Deposit work Scheme).,(8) Construction of Control Room Building, Compound Wall, Foundations, Cable Trench, RCC Road & other misc. civil works etc. at 66 kV Amba S/s Ta. Santrampur & Dist. Mahisagar under Jambuva Circle.,(9) Construction of Control Room Building, Foundations, Cable Trench, Compound Wall, RCC retaining wall, RCC Road & Misc. Civil works at 66KV DIACL (Dholera International Airport Company Ltd) S/s Ta. Dholera & Dist. Ahmedabad under Surendranagar Circle.,(10) Construction of Control Room Building, Foundations, Cable Trench, Comp. wall, RCC Road, Yard water supply, Watchman cabin etc. at 66KV Kubadthal S/s & Other end of any 66KV S/s Ta. Dascroi, Dist. Ahmedabad Under Nadiad Circle.,(11) Construction of Control Room Building, Foundations, Cable Trench, Comp. wall, RCC Road, Yard water supply, Watchman cabin etc. at 66KV Telav S/s & Other end of any 66KV S/s TA. Sanand, Dist. Ahmedabad under Nadiad Circle (12) Construction of Control Room Building, Foundation, Cable Trench, Comp. wall, RCC Road, Yard water supply, watchman cabin etc. at 66 KV Tarapur S/s and end bay at any other S/s Ta. Tarapur Dist. Anand Under Nadiad Circle.,(13) Construction of New Control Room Building including Electrification work, Yard Cable Trench, RCC Road, Yard PCC and Metal spreading, Demolition of existing old Qtr. and ancillary civil works at 66kV Nakhatrana S/s, Ta. Nakhatrana, Dist. Kutch under Nakhatrana Division under Anjar Circle.,(14) Providing and Laying metal with new methodology of metal spreading (i.e anti weeding, PCC 1:5:10, metal spreading), Demolition & Dismantling of OH Tank, Control Room Building & Qtr. Bldg. (Type-II, Type-III & Type-IV) & Misc. Civil Works at 220KV Jamnagar S/s under Jamnagar division under Jamnagar Circle.,

(15) Construction of Control Room Building, Foundations, Cable Trench, C'Wall, RCC Road & misc. Civil works etc. at 66 KV Borisana S/s, Ta. Kadi & Dist.-Mehsana under Mehsana circle.

[C] LINE: CE(P&C)/CONTRACTS/E: 324, 325, 326, 329, 332, 333, 334/ Uprating /TL/66, 220KV/S&E:- (1) Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Conversion of (i) 66kV Palanpur (220kV)-Palanpur line no.1 (ii) 66kV Palanpur (220kV)-Lalawada line no.2 (iii) 66kV Lalawada-Palanpur -1 line (iv) 66kV Tharad-Bhordu-01 line (v) 66kV Tharad-wav line with DOG Conductor into equivalent HTLS Conductor (Equivalent weight of DOG Conductor with Higher Ampacity) of Palanpur Circle.,(2) Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 220kV DC line from Radhanesda S/s (AP 27) to Tharad; Package - 2 (to be connected to Ghodasar via separate DC line, having common MC termination at Radhanesda) with AL-59 (61/3.50) conductor on turnkey basis.,(3) Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning 220 kV D/C Prantij-Jantral line_Package-1 (From 400kV Prantij to AP-47 (Including AP-47), to be connected to Jantral using common M/C with 220kV Agiyol-Vijapur LILO Jantral line) with AL-59(61/3.5) conductor on D/C tower and 48F OPGW cable.,(4) Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 220kV D/C Morbi Shivlakha LILO of both circuits at 400kV Shivlakha (Mewasa) of with AL-59 (61/3.50) conductor & 48F OPGW on turnkey basis. (17.441km) - under GEC-II scheme., (5) Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 66 kV D/C Mahuva - Dolvan line on D/C panther tower with AL-59 equivalent weight of panther conductor under Kisan Suryodaya Yojana-II-Package -1 (AP-01 to AP-20) Length-8.52Rkm.,(6) Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 66 kV S/C Ambheta - Vansda & 66 kV S/C Ambheta- Fadvel line on M/C tower with AL-59 (weight equivalent to ACSR Panther Conductor) Conductor by utilizing corridor of existing 66 kV Tanka - Pratapnagar H-frame line under Kisan Suryodaya Yojana-II-Package-2 (AP-31 to AP-66) Length-11.324km., (7) Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 66kV S/C Shivalakha-Vajepar line on D/C Panther towers with ACSR Panther conductor having length of 30.3Rkm under Kisan Suryodaya Yojana Phase-II scheme (Overhead portion only).

The above tenders are available on website **www.getcogujarat.com** (for view and download only) & **tender.nprocure.com** (for view, download and online submission).

Note: Bidders are requested to be in touch with our website till opening of the Tender.

03/07/2025 **Add' I Chief Engineer (Procurement & Contracts)**

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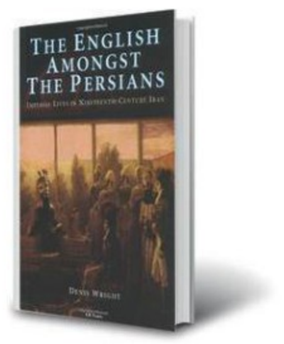
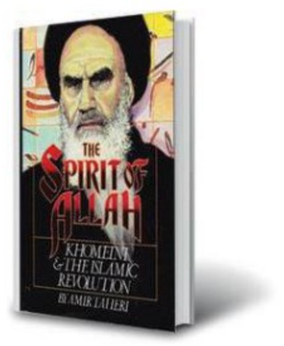
Hues of history: A carpet seller stands near his shop at Tehran's old main bazaar in Iran, on May 5. AP





A land of djinns and poets: Iran in the crosshairs of history again

Iran is rich in stories linked often to other cultures. A walk through books on Iran, which is an emporia of ideas and beliefs exchanged and exported through the centuries by its merchants, mercenaries and storytellers

Geeta Doctor

Iran has been in the news for all the worst reasons in recent times.

It's as if the echoes of Paul E. Erdman's sensationally titled study, *The Crash of '79*, that heralded the fall of the short-lived Pahlavi dynasty is still being felt today. It was written in the context of who controlled the surge of the oil economy while waiting for the Iranian Revolution to begin. At that time, it was clear enough to Iran watchers that it was in the marketplace of Tehran, that the Bazaaris, sipping their glasses of black tea with lumps of crystalised sugar, were stirring the narrative of revolt.

Being in the crosshairs of history the land has attracted countless invaders. It is rich in stories linked often to other cultures, as it is in the silk, gemstones, artefacts, dried fruits, prayer rugs, magnificent carpets and pelts of rare animals that are exchanged in its bazaars. Iran is an emporia of ideas and beliefs exchanged and exported through the centuries by its merchants, mercenaries and storytellers.

Lightning strikes

While travelling through the deeply ridged and folded countryside you might see the black robed vultures circling the mountain tops. They could be waiting to feast on the charred bricks and bones of yet another famous city on the plain of Pars attacked by the Mongols. Just as frequently armies of warriors have crossed across to loot and pillage their distant neighbours and return with the spoils.

Who can forget Nader Shah taking over the Persian throne and first dismantling parts of the Ottoman Empire in the West and then turning his attention on north India. In lightning strikes and a reputation for a ferocious barbarity including the slaughter of women and children, he defeated the Mughal army in the Battle of Karnal in 1739.

As a peace offering in exchange for further attacks, he demanded and received the peacock throne and the world-famous Golconda diamonds, one of which, the Darya-i-Noor, is at the Gulistan Palace Museum in Tehran.

Rustam and Sohrab

In the poet Ferdowsi's epic poem in 50,000 rhyming couplets, the *Shahnameh*, published in 1010 CE, it's the warrior kings of Persia that are celebrated. The most famous of these is the meeting between Rustam and his estranged son Sohrab on the battlefield. The image is one that has been reproduced in Persian style miniature paintings, on painted tiles and woven wall hangings. His poem stops with the last of the hereditary rulers Khosrow ll leaving the throne; that is to say before the Arab intervention.

Ferdowsi introduces us to a land of djinns and poets with links to the early Zoroastrian priests tending their fire temples. The winged symbol of the "Faravahar" with a figure of a man at the centre of a disc appears on the wall of the Fire Temple at Yazd in Iran; as it does at the Fire Temples of the Zoroastrians in India who fled from there across the seas with their sacred fire.

Like the mythical fire bird, the Simorgh, the Parsi community of the Indian subcontinent kept their promise to add their special lustre to the country of their adoption, while keeping their faith alive.

When the British came on the scene, the two cultures blended with an ease that is best described in the satirical *The Adventures of Hajji Baba of Ispahan*. It was written in English by James Justinian Morier, who lived in Qajar Iran as the British envoy. In his capacity as Hajji Baba, a Bazaari with a yen for travel, this is what he tells us: "By the time I was sixteen it would be difficult to say whether I was most accomplished as a barber or a scholar. Besides shaving the head, cleaning the ears, and trimming the beard, I became famous for my skill in the offices of the bath. No one understood better than I the different modes of rubbing or shampooing, as practised in India, Cashmere, and Turkey; and I had an art peculiar to myself of making the joints to crack, and my slaps echo."

British entry

There was an almost instant recognition between the scholars of the two nations that is explored in the two companion volumes by Sir Denis Wright who served as British Ambassador to Mohammed Reza Shah of Iran during his glory years. *The English Amongst the Persians* and *The Persians Amongst the English* are a glorious recapitulation of what was always a formidable relationship. As Wright mentions in his preface, "nowhere in the world is British cleverness so wildly exaggerated as in Iran, and nowhere are the British more hated for it". One of the reasons advanced for this analysis is that the British considered Iran as a decoy for India, against Russian advancements in the area; a Cold War thesis that we may now ignore.

One of the most chilling accounts of what happened to Iran after the installation of "Khomeini and the Islamic Revolution" is by Amir Taheri in his 1985 book *The Spirit of Allah*. As editor-in-Chief of *Kayhan*, the national newspaper of Iran in the 1970s, Taheri, an academic now in exile, has written several books since then. However, inexorable the trajectory of events that have led to the rule by the Ayatollahs, Taheri includes a ghazal by Khomeini written perhaps in the 1930s.

"It's spring and there is blossom on the almond tree/The bride in the garden is verily, the almond tree." And yet after such gentle beginnings, the conclusion is abrupt and terrifying.

One can only return to an earlier poet and the twelfth century Attar of Nishapur and the enchanting vision that he offers in *The Conference of Birds*.

It's in the form of a journey, a quest through many different forms of attachment in search of the marvellous Simorgh, the female spirit of rebirth who rises repeatedly through several revolutions. It's a reaffirmation of life through fire.

The journey starts within.

Geeta Doctor is a critic and cultural commentator.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

This is a quiz on longstanding records in various sports

Srinivasan Ramani

QUESTION 1

This gentleman, who was born on July 3, 1851, played in the first-ever Test cricket innings and scored a century. In doing so, he set a record for the highest individual share of runs in a completed team innings that remains unbroken to this day. Name him and his country.

QUESTION 2

Name this Czechoslovakian athlete who set a world record in the women's 800-metre race in 1983. Her phenomenal time has held for over four decades, making it the longest-standing individual world record in athletics.

QUESTION 3

This behemoth basketball player, nicknamed "The Stilt," scored an unbelievable 100 points in a single game for the Philadelphia Warriors on March 2, 1962. In the modern era, the late Kobe Bryant came closest to this mark in 2006. Name the record-holder and the number of points Kobe Bryant scored.

QUESTION 4

This English cueist was the undisputed king of early snooker, winning the first 15 World Snooker Championships held from 1927 to 1946. He was undefeated in the tournament before his retirement from the event. Name him.

QUESTION 5

This French football striker holds the seemingly unbreakable record for the most goals in a single FIFA World Cup tournament, scoring 13 times at the 1958 event. Name this French legend.

Visual question:

At the 1968 Olympics, this American athlete redefined his sport with a single, breathtaking performance nicknamed "the leap of the century." His world record stood for 23 years before being broken by Mike Powell, but his Olympic record from that day has never been beaten. Name him and his sport. GETTY IMAGES

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The Civil Rights Act was signed by this U.S. President. **Ans: Lyndon B. Johnson**
2. This American jurist was the Supreme Court's first African-American justice. **Ans: Thurgood Marshall**
3. This American comedian-writer is best known for his show *Seinfeld*. **Ans: Larry David**
4. This American Nobel Laureate is known for his works, *A Farewell to Arms* and *For Whom the Bell Tolls*. **Ans: Ernest Hemingway**
5. This American businessman developed the Ford Mustang, Lincoln Continental Mark III, and Ford Pinto cars. **Ans: Lee Iacocca**
Visual: Identify this American aviator. **Ans: Amelia Earhart**
Early Birds: Siddhartha Viswanathan| Erfanally Oosmany| Tito Shiladitya| Arun Kumar Singh| Parimal Das

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know Your English

K. Subrahmanian
S. Upendran

"How is Sundar's leg?"

"It's getting better. He consulted a specialist yesterday and the doctor said..."

"... did you say 'consulted a specialist'?"

"That's right! Why do you ask?"

"Well, a couple of months ago, Sujatha and I had an argument. She said we should say 'consult with a doctor' and not 'consult a doctor'. And I said it was just the opposite. We don't consult with a doctor, but consult a doctor. Now you tell me, I'm right. That's great."

"I'm glad you're happy. But I didn't say Sujatha was wrong."

"What? You mean 'consult with' isn't wrong?"

"No, it isn't. 'Consult with' is acceptable. In fact, it's used quite a lot in American English. For example, O. J. Simpson consulted with his lawyers."

"But I could say 'O. J. Simpson consulted his lawyers', right?"

"Right! Both 'consult with' and 'consult' are acceptable. Why don't you consult your grammar teacher on this?"

"I'm afraid I can't consult with her. She had an accident on Saturday."

"An accident! What happened?"

"She hit a pot hole and was thrown off her scooter. She broke her right arm."

"Oooh, that sounds bad."

"I know. Yesterday, the Municipal authorities came by and filled all the pot holes with sand."

"Their usual quick fix solution."

"A what solution?"

"A 'quick fix' solution. It means a temporary solution to a problem. For example, Ramesh put some tape over the hole in the mosquito net as a quick fix to keep the insects out."

"Can I say our politicians are not interested in finding a permanent solution to our water problem. They are only interested in a quick fix?"

"That's a very good example. Our politicians are masters of the quick fix. Here's another example. Our economy needs more than a quick fix to get back on track."

"So a 'quick fix' is a temporary solution to a problem. Is it the same as a band aid solution?"

"Yes, it is. For example, you can either say, 'I don't want a band aid solution to this problem', or 'I don't want a quick fix'."

"I see. But we all seem to be interested in band aid solutions. I guess it's easier to find a quick fix than a permanent solution to a problem."

"That's true. And perhaps that's why we are hooked on band aid solutions."

"Hooked on! What does that mean?"

"When you say you are 'hooked on' something or someone, it means you 'are addicted to or obsessed with' someone or something. For example, Shyam is hooked on chocolates."

"Meaning he is addicted to chocolate?"

"That's right."

"Can I say, I am hooked on Madhuri?"

"I think the whole world knows by now that you are hooked on Madhuri."

"You're probably right. Many people in India are hooked on Star TV."

Published in The Hindu on February 11, 1997.

Word of the day

Pugilism:
fighting with fists

Synonym: boxing

Usage: *When their pugilism took on a dangerous character, he decided to intervene.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/pugilismpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈpjuːdʒɪlɪzəm/

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KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, (Metro Rail Project), No. 14/3, 1st Floor,
Aravindha Bhavana Building, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560001.

No. : KIADB//METRO/Phase-3-Pacakage-3/2025-26 **Date: 01.07.2025**

PUBLIC NOTICE (Under section 28(2) of KIAD Act 1966)

It is hereby given publication for the information of the public that the KARANATAKA INDUSRTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD. Bangalore has proposed to acquire the following scheduled properties for the purpose of **Phase-3, Pacakge-3 Viaduct Kanttirava Studio Opposite Service Road to Muthylanagar Metro station.** The Preliminary Notification Under Section 1(3), 3(1) & 28(1) in this behalf is issued vide Notification No: CI 83 SPQ 2025 Bangalore dated 16-06-2025 by the Government of Karnataka and the same has already been published in the Karnataka Gazette dated: **16-06-2025**.

All the absolute owners and interested persons in the Schedule properties specified below shall file their OBJECTIONS IF ANY to the undersigned , Notice u/s 28(2) of KIAD Act, has already been served to the notified Khatedar/Anubhavdar, interested persons. As some of the property owners refused to receive the notice and address of some of the Khatedars are not available, notices could not be served. Hence, this notice is published in the News papers to provide opportunity to them.

Any contracts for the disposal of the said lands by sale. Mortgage, Assignment, Exchange or otherwise or any improvement made therein without prior permission of the competent authority, after the date of publication of this notification under the provisions of Right to Fair Compensation and in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 and KIAD Act 1966 will be disregarded while assessing compensation for such parts of the said lands as may be finally acquired.

The map of the area comprised therein and the notification specifying the lands which is proposed to be acquired may be verified in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, KIADB, (Metro Rail Project) Bangalore during the office hours on all working days. Enquiry is fixed on **18-07-2025 at 11.00 AM** in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, K.I.A.D.B. (Metro Rail Project), No. 14/3, 1st Floor, Aravindha Bhavana Building, Bangalore. Interested persons are hereby requested to be present with relevant documents. Failing which, further action will be taken in accordance with law.

Schedule

Enquiry Date:18-07-2025 Time: 11.00 am

Purpose For Viaduct (opposite Kanttirava Studio Service Road)

Village : Jarakabande Hobli: Yelahanka Taluk: Yelahanka District : Bangalore

SL No	Property Owner	I.D. No	L.A/CTS No	B.B.M.P. Property No	Area acquired (sq.Mtr)
1.	G.Lokesh S/o Late Ganganarasppa	C1-267A	1	11-114-41	12.41
2.	Shivalingaiah S/o Late Siddiaiah	C1-267B	1	11-168-9	13.24
3.	1. Girish.L S/oN.K.Lakshman Gowda 2. Kushal.L S/o N.K.Lakshman Gowda	C1-267C	1	11-114-42	10.74
4	R.Jamunarani W/o Ramesh Babu.K	C1-267D	1	-	7.42
5	P.G.Prakash S/o Jayaramaiah.P	C1-267E	1	11-122-12	3.40
		C1-871			14.74
6	1. H.Abhilash S/o N.Hanumanthappa	C1-267F	1	1	44.59
	2. BDA Road	C1-888			83.21
7	1. A.K.Karunakara S/o N.Krishnappa	C1-267G	1	-	50.16
	2. BDA Road	C1-889			59.32
8	1. Ankita W/o Bhimanna Gowda	C1-267H	1	1	75.62
	2. BDA Road	C1-890			37.97
9	1. Gopika W/o N.Ganesh	C1-267I	1	11-170-1	61.25
	2. BDA Road	C1-891			13.83
10	1. P.K.Bhagya W/o T.C.Chandrashekar	C1-267J	1	11-106-2	66.50
	2. BDA Road	C1-892			8.70
11	1. H.C.Indiramma W/o B.P.Marijogi Gowda	C1-267K	1	11-106-3/1	73.50
	2. BDA Road	C1-893			0.57
12	1. L.Anitha W/o G.Lakshman	C1-267L (A)	1	-	26.55
	2. Lakshmi.S.Kumar W/o R.S.V.Kumar	C1-894			46.28
13	1. K.Pramila W/o S.Haribabu Naidu	C1-267L(B)	1	-	42.78 56.78
	2. BDA Road	C1-895			11.44
14	1.Jayalakshmi W/o H.Nanjappa 2. N.Ravikiran S/o H.Nanjappa	C1-267 M	1	11-112-6	103.17 101.74
	3.BDA Road	C1-896			14.03
15	G.L.Giridhar S/o Late G.N.Lakshmikanta	C1-267 N&O	1	11-175-7	82.24
		C1-897			81.40
16	G.L.Giridhar S/o Late G.N.Lakshmikanta	C1-267 P	1	11-106-13	83.03
		C1-898			81.52
17	Bandha Divya W/o Naveen Reddy Atlluri	C1-267Q	1	11-106-9/17	81.32
		C1-899			82.15
18	Bangalore Development Authority (BDA)	C1-267 R&S	1	-	110.12
		C1-900B			113.95
19	Bangalore Development Authority (BDA)	C1-267T			77.87
		C1-900A			108.14
	BDA Road	C1-900 C			4.31
				Total (A)	**1945.99**

Purpose For Viaduct (Muthylanagar Railway Bridge to B.E.L Circle)

Village : Jalahalli Hobli: Yeshawanthpura-1 Taluk: Benguluru North District : Benguluru

20	G.K.Seetaram	C1-294	71/1	-	101.75
		C1-910			11.42
		C1-295			60.70
		C1-296			136.02
		ST-18-22			97.57
		ST-18-01			53.65
		ST-18-02			11.28
21	D.K.Anjanappa	C1-297	71/1	2-151-9	46.81
		ST-18-23			6.69
		ST-18-03			54.76
		ST-18-03A			13.00
22	C.S Prakash	C1-298	71/1	2-151-9/1	63.92
		ST-18-24			99.11
		ST-18-04			150.40
		ST-18-04A			17.31
23	J.R.Ashok S/o G.K.Ramachandraiah	C1-299	71/1	-	126.09
		ST-18-25			475.69
		ST-18-05			49.95
		ST-18-06			35.70
24	C.Bhaskar S/o R.Chinnappa Reddy	C1-301	71/1	-	74.42
		ST-18-26			349.79
		ST-18-08			23.32
25	G.K.Seetaram	C1-302	71/1	-	69.15
		ST-18-27			229.26
		ST-18-09			23.89
26	J.W.R. Chinnaiah S/o H.Chinnaiah	C1-303	71/1	2-121-1	66.62 12.22
		ST-18-28			20.71
		ST-18-10			22.34 3.77
27	Rita Menon W/o Santosh Menon	C1-304	72/1A	2-151-18/1	55.16
		ST-18-11		2-151-18	22.22
28	G.Prema D/o K.B.Ramachandra	C1-305	72/1 A	2-151-21	41.12
29	Behalf of M/s Sri Durga Steels, Partho Mukharjee S/o Late S.K.Mukharjee & S.K.Chakraborty S/o Late R.K.Chakraborty	C1-306	72/2	2-151-14	40.07
30	1. K.Jayamma W/o V.Siddappa 2. DR.G.S.Anil Kumar S/o V.Siddappa	C1-307	72/2	2-151-15	42.63
31	1. T.Ponnaraja S/o Late Tiruvaayam 2.Jhansirani . P W/o T.Ponnaraja	C1-308	72/1A	72	37.78
32	Govindaraj M S/o Late Munivenkatappa	C1-309	72/1A	2-151-19	30.95
33	Jagadeesh Deva.C S/o Mishra Ramji	C1-310	72/1 A2 A1	2-151-19/1	29.59
34	Tilokram S/o Late Pukharam	C1-311	72/1 A2 A1	2-151-13	25.15
35	N.Hanumaiah	C1-312	72/1 A2 A1	2-151-20/1	31.27
			72/1 A 2B		28.10
36	Hanumappa	C1-313	72/1 A 2B	2-151-20/2	34.15
37	N.Narasimhamurthy	C1-314	72/1 A 2B	2-151-20/4	30.70
		C1-315			24.43
38	M.Satyanarayana	C1-316	72/1 A 2B	2-151-61	44.63
				2-151-62	
39	N.Hanumappa	C1-318	72/1 A 2B	2-151-20/3	25.91
40	N.Narasimha Murthy	C1-319	72/1 A 2B	2-151-59	23.37
41	V.Raghu S/o Late Venkatashyamappa	C1-320	16/4A1	2-151-52	93.00
42	R.Jayashankar S/o Late S.Ramaiah	C1-321	16/4A1	2-151-27	15.52
43	Keerthi Kumar Raghu S/o V.Raghu	C1-322	16/4A2	2-151-23	45.28
44	Sarala . S W/o Sonnegowda.R	C1-323	16/4A3	-	48.53
45	Manjula Suresh T.N W/o R.Suresh	C1-324	16/4A3	16/4	79.21
46	Shivamma . B W/o Late A.Kempaiah	C1-325	16/4B	2-151-30	58.21
47	D.V.Padmavathi W/o N.Chandrappa	C1-326	17/1A1	16/4	59.68
48	Dinesh S/o G.Sidhagagaiah	C1-327	17/1A1	2-151-40	39.05
49	Srinivas. M S/o Mariyappa	C1-328	17/1A1	2-151-36	48.13
50	M|| V.R.r.Investments Pvt Ltd	C1-329	17/1A1	2-151-41	85.18
51	Sujatha K W/o R.Shashikumar	C1-330	17/1A3	12-151-39	42.71
52	1. Sujatha K W/o R.Shashikumar	C1-331			44.82
	2. Suma J.P W/o R.Jayashankar		17/1A3	2-151-5	96.72
53	J.V.Prakash S/o Late Venkataswamy	C1-332	17/1A2	16/2	39.69
54	1. B.Subbaiah S/o B. Chanchuramaiah 2. B.Subbarayudu S/o B. Chanchuramaiah 3. B.Srinivas S/o B. Chanchuramaiah 4. B.Vijay S/o B. Chanchuramaiah 5. B.Venkatesh S/o B. Chanchuramaiah	C1-333	17/1A1	2-151-2	40.30
55	B.Narasimharao S/o Narasaiah	C1-334	17/1A1	2-151-1	9.20
			76		3.97
56	Karnataka Power Transmition Corporation Limited (K.P.T.C.L)	C1-335	76	-	24.34
57	Karnataka Power Transmition Corporation Limited (K.P.T.C.L)	C1-336	76	2-149-1/1	12.78
58	Bharath Electronics Limited (B .E. L)	C1-337	18	-	41.09
			22		70.34
59	Bharath Electronics Limited (B .E. L)	C1-338	22	-	12.47
		C1-339			2.96
60	Shashirekha	C1-351	27/1	2-81-19	112.14
				2-81-19/1	
61	G.Swarnalatha W/o B.M.Byregowda	C1-354	27/1	2-81-46	52.93
62	1. Satish Kumar.V S/o Late Vasudev Rao.S 2. Manohar Rao.V S/o Late Vasudev Rao.S	C1-356	27/1	2-81-20/1 & 2-81-20	49.27
63	Jayalakshmi.K W/o Late Narayana Swamy	C1-357	27/1	2-81-37	27.85
		C1-358	27/2	2-81-36/1	12.70
64	K.Venkateshwara Rao S/o Late Rangaiah	C1-359	27/2	2-81-36	17.70
					27.55
65	Nagarathna.Y W/o Late S. Sadanand Swamy	C1-360	27/2	2-81-36/1A	23.41
66	Santosh Kumar K.V	C1-361	27/3	2-81-35	53.58
67	1. Muniyappa.M S/o Muniswamappa 2. Krishnaveni W/o M. Muniyappa	C1-362	27/3	2-81-34	53.67
68	1. Premadevi W/o G.Parasmal 2. Parasmal S/o Jhansiram	C1-363	27/3	2-81-15/1 & 2-81-15	38.92
69	Sarala.S W/o Sonnegowda.R	C1-364	27/3	27	37.32
70	V.Raghu S/o Late Venkatswamappa	C1-365	27/3	2-81-23	42.02
71	G.Babu @ G.Srinivas Murthy S/o G.S.Govindappa	C1-366	25/1B	2-81-29 2-81-30	81.67
72	G.Bhaskar S/o G.S.Govindappa	C1-368	25/1B	2-81-18 2-81-19A	65.45
73	G. Udaykumar S/o G.S.Govindappa	C1-370	25/1B	2-81-24 2-81-25 2-81-26	53.87
74	1. D.Ashwin Kumar Reddy S/o D.K.V.Chalapathy Reddy	C1-371	25/1A3	2-81-21	28.79
	2. Srilakshmi W/o D. Ashwinkumar		25/1A2	2-81-12	23.02
	3. D.Tejakumar S/o D.K..V. Chalapathy Reddy	C1-372	25/1A1A		49.44
75	D.Srinivasalu	C1-373 (A)	25/1A1A	-	7.90
76	D.Ramanaiah S/o Late Narasaiah	C1-373 (B)	25/1A1A	2-81-10/3	20.12
77	1. Dr. U.S.Ravishankar S/o Tirumaleshwara Bhat 2. Savitha.R W/o Dr. U.S.Ravishankar	C1-374	25/1A1B	2-81-4	24.40
78	1. Mukesh kumar S/o Shankarlal Ganna 2. Manju Ganna W/o Mukesh kumar	C1-375	25/1A1B	2-81-11	22.66
79	N.Chandrappa S/o Narasimhappa	C1-376 & C1-376A	25/1A1A	2-81-44	11.31 11.13
80	Gangavathi.B W/o Late Subbaiah	C1-378	25/1A1A	-	9.44
81	B.Subbarayudu S/o Late Chanchuramaiah	C1-378A	25/1A1A	-	9.44
82	Sujatha W/o Late Balasundaram	C1-379	25/1A1A	-	9.44
83	B.Venkatesh S/o Late Chanchuramaiah	C1-379A	25/1A1A	-	19.61
84	P.K.Hasan Haji S/o Late P.K. Soopi	C1-380	25/1A1A	2-81-8	23.85
85	Najmullah Husain Dr.M.S.Shariff	C1-381	25/1A1A	2-81-7/1 2-81-7	50.67
86	1. B.S.Raghuram 2. B.S.Sadanand 3. B.S.Vasudev 4. B.S.Shivanand 5. B.S.Radhakrishna	C1-382	24	2-81-6	58.28
87	B.R.Nanjundappa S/o Late A.Ramaiah	C1-383	24	2-81-2	85.07
88	Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (B.B.M.P)	C1-384	23	-	23.34
		C1-384D			3.10
				Total (B)	**5328.78**
				Total Extent (A + B)	**7274.77**

-: Abstract :-

Sl No	Village Name	Extant (Sq.mtr)
1.	Jarakabande Kaval	1945.99
2.	Jalahalli	5328.78
	Total	**7274.77**

Sl No	VILLAGE Name	TIMINGS	ENQUIRTY DATE
1 2	Jarakabande Kaval Jalahalli	MORNING 11.00	18-07-2025

Sd/-
Special Land Acquisition Officer-1 (Metro Rail Project),
Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560001.

DIPR/CP/1555/Zen/2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Ministry of Finance, Department of Fiancial Services
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 KARNATAKA
4th Floor, Telephone House Builiding Rajbhavan Road Bangalore - 560001

Form No. 14 (See Regulation 33(2))
DEMAND NOTICE
Notice under Sections 25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts & Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and Rule 2 of Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961.

RC No. 419/2024 IN OA No. 69/2021

KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED V/s M/S. DHATRI FUEL STATION

In the matter of (CH 1) Karnataka Bank Limited, Yelahanka New Town Branch, No. 1234, 17th Cross, Mother Dairy Road, Yelahanka Satellite Town, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 064. **... Applicants**

Vs

(CD 1) M/s. Dhatri Fuel Station, Govindaraju Kempanna, Situated at No. 30/2, Hosahudya Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk Bengaluru Rural District, Represented by its Partner Sri Govindaraju, Bengaluru Rural Karnataka

(CD 2) Mr. Govindaraju S/o.Kempanna, Flat No. 7, Vajram Orchids Suradenapura, Doddaballapur, Bengaluru Rural District, Karnataka - 562 110.

(CD 3) Mr. Manjunatha V S/o.Venkatashamappa, Res at No. 115, Harshadithya Birla Super Road Near School, Basetthalli, Doddaballapura Bengaluru Rural District, Karnataka - 561 203. **... Defendant(s)**

CH Name	Int. Type/ mode	Int. Rate	Effective Date	Order Date	Amount (Rs.)	Int. as per Order date	RC Amount	Remark
1. Karnataka Bank Ltd.,	Compound Int. (Yearly)	15.75	11.01.2021	31.08.2023	8472896	0	8472896	In respect of Loan A/c. Nos. 9097001 400001801 & 90 97000600005101

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BANGALORE (DRT-1) in **OA /69/2021** an amount of **Rs.8472896.00** (Rupees Eighty Four Lakhs Seventy Two Thousands Eight Hundred Ninety Six Only) along cost and future interest @15.75 % p.a. Compound interest Yearly w.e.f. 11.01.2021 till realization and costs of Rs.87005.00 (Rupees Eighty Seven Thousands and Five Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).

CD Name	Loan Type	Int. Type /Mode	Int. Rate	Effective Date	Order Date	Amount (Rs.)	Lib-ility Type	Int. as on Order date	RC Amo unt	Re mark
1.M/s. Dhatri Fuel Station		Compound Int (Yearly)	15.75	11.01.2021	31.08.2023	8472896	Jointly & sever ally	Int. as on Order date	8472896	Rep by its partner
2.Mr. Govinda raju		Compound Int (Yearly)	15.75	11.01.2021	31.08.2023	8472896	Jointly & sever ally	Int. as on Order date	8472896	
3.Mr. Manju natha v		Compound Int (Yearly)	15.75	11.01.2021	31.08.2023	8472896	Jointly & sever ally	Int. as on Order date	8472896	

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under. **3**.You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.**4.** You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, for further proceedings. **5**. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will be liable to pay: (a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/ execution proceedings. (b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processess and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **30.01.2025**

Sd/- (Sanjeev Kumar) Recovery Officer-1,
Debts Recovery Tribunal -1, Bangalore

SAI

E-Tender Notice

Date: - 02.07.2025

Sports Authority of India, NSSC, Bangalore invites e-tender for following works: -

SAI/NSSC/ENGG/REPAIR AUDITORIUM/368/2025-2026 for Appointment of PMC for Repair and Renovation of Auditorium at SAI,NSSC, BANGALORE . For more details please visit E-Tender website

http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app,
https://sportsauthorityofindia.nic.in &
http://www.saisouth-bangalore.com.

The Last date of Submission of E-Tender is 22.07.2025 up to 18.00 hrs.

Sd/-
Deputy Director-Infra

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF TOWN PLANNER
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
Dempo Tower, 2nd floor, Patto Plaza, Panaji - Goa
Ph: 0832-2437352, E-mail: ctp-tcp.goa@nic.in. Website: https://tcp.goa.gov.in

Ref No.:30/11/GIS- Goa Regional Plan 2021/2024-25/2718 Date: 27/06/2025

BRIEF TENDER NOTICE
(E-TENDERING MODE ONLY)

APPOINTMENT OF A CONSULTANT FOR GEO REFERENCING & DIGITIZATION OF REGIONAL PLAN OF GOA 2021

The Town & Country Planning Department, Government of Goa, invites e-tenders from the Consultants empanelled by the Department, for - **Appointment of a Consultant for Geo Referencing & Digitization of Regional Plan of Goa 2021**. Consultants interested in applying for the tender may submit their duly filled application with complete information as required as per the tender document. The last date for submission of the tender is 04.08.2025 up to 5.30pm. For detailed Tender Notice and for participation in e-tender please visit our e-tender website **https://eprocure.goa.gov.in** Tender notice is also available on **www.tcp.goa.gov.in** for reference. All queries with respect to the tender may be emailed to **ctp-tcp.goa@nic.in**. by 07.07.2025 upto 5.30 pm.
DI/Advt/769/2025

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Smt. VIDYA CHANDRASEKHARAIAH,** W/o. Late H. G. Hirannaiah, Aged about 63 years, R/a, 2113, 3rd Main, 7th A Cross, RPC Layout, Vijayanagar, Beside government First Grade Collage, Bengaluru-560104, Aadhaar No._7712 1946 9327, on 30/06/2025, has lost original certified copy of the registered partition deed obtained vide No. CA No. 252/89-90 of the original partition deed dt: 06/10/1941, which is registered as Document No. 7150/41-42 and /2011-12, of Book No. 1, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, while getting the photo copies of the original documents in a Xerox shop in Vijayanagar and after due diligent search she couldn't found the same, hence he has lodged a police complaint with **Bengaluru City police on 30/06/2025, vide Lost report No. 1678131/2025.**

If anyone finds the aforementioned original certified copy of the registered partition deed obtained vide No. CA No. 252/89-90. It is hereby called on the general public to hand over the same to the below mentioned address or to Jayanagar police. Take note that the mis users of the document will be prosecuted.

N.S. SHIVASHANKAR, Advocate
48/1, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, Opp: Canara Bank, Vallabha Nagar, Uttarahalli Main Road, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-61.
Ph No. 9343094442, 080-41628629

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR LOST OF DOCUMENT

I am issuing this public notice under the instructions of my client **Mr.Amit Kumar,** S/o Sansar Singh, Aadhar No.8466 4916 2139, Designation: Branch Manager, Employment ID No.6243592, working at State Bank of India, NCC Basavanagudi Branch, Bangalore – 560 004, that Sri.T.D.Srinivas and Sri.T.D.Rajendra, are the joint owners of the property bearing Municipal No.94/3 & 94, Situated in East Anjaneya Temple Street, Basavanagudi, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 70 feet and North to South 50 feet, with structures thereon having exclusive passage (5 x 40 feet) from East Anjaneya Temple Street and bounded on the : East by : Property of Padma and 94/1-2 of YVM Achar and East Anjaneya Temple Street, West by : Conservancy Lane, North by : Private Property bearing No.95 & 96 and South by : Private Property bearing No.93 & 94/1-2.

It is hereby informing to the general public that, one of the staff from SMECC, State Bank of India, Kumara Park, Bangalore, had lost/misplaced the i) Sale deed, dated: 12/03/1997, executed by KANTHILAL.P.JAIN and others in favour of T.V.DWARAKANATH registered as document No.4872/1996-97 Book I volume 2069 in the office of the sub registrar Basavanagudi, ii) Sale deed, dated: 29/08/2001, executed by K.R.RAGANTH and others in favour of T.V.DWARAKANATH, registered as document No.2247/2001-02, Book – I, ADL – 1009, in the office of the sub registrar Basavanagudi, iii) Death certificate of T.V.DWARAKANATH issued by the BMP, iv) Release Deed, dated: 23/12/2006, executed by VANAJA DWARAKANATH and MALATHI SIMHA in favour of T.D.SRINIVAS AND T.D.RAJENDRA, registered as document No.BSG-1-05107-2006-07, of Book – I, Stored in C.D.NO.BSGD 87, in the office of the sub registrar Basavanagudi, v) Approved Building Plan, bearing No.601/01-02, dated: 25/01/2002, vi) Khatha certificate and extract, dated: 09/10/2007 issued by the BBMP in the name of T.D.SRINIVAS AND T.D.RAJENDRA, in respect of the said property, while travelling from State Bank of India, NCC Basavanagudi Branch, Bangalore – 560 004 to State Bank of India, SME Branch, Kumara Park, Bangalore, by Auto in last week of June 2018 at about 4.00 p.m., he lost folder/file containing i) Sale deed, dated: 12/03/1997, vide document No.4872/1996-97, ii) Sale deed, dated: 29/08/2001, vide document No.2247/2001-02, iii) Death certificate of T.V.DWARAKANATH, iv) Release Deed, dated: 23/12/2006, vide document No.BSG-1-05107-2006-07, v) Approved Building Plan, bearing No.601/01-02, dated: 25/01/2002 and vi) Khatha certificate and extract, dated: 09/10/2007 and presume this was lost somewhere on Majestic Road.

For future perfection, clarification and to safeguard the legal rights of T.D.SRINIVAS AND T.D.RAJENDRA, I am issuing this public notice. **Mr.Amit Kumar,** Branch Manager at State Bank of India, NCC Basavanagudi Branch, Bangalore, had already lodged Lost Article Report No.1682426/2025, dated: 02/07/2025, u/s 155 CrPC, before the jurisdictional Police regarding the same.

Hence once again it is hereby informing to the general public that, i) Sale deed, dated: 12/03/1997, vide document No.4872/1996-97, ii) Sale deed, dated: 29/08/2001, vide document No.2247/2001-02, iii) Death certificate of T.V.DWARAKANATH, iv) Release Deed, dated: 23/12/2006, vide document No.BSG-1-05107-2006-07, v) Approved Building Plan, bearing No.601/01-02, dated: 25/01/2002 and vi) Khatha certificate and extract, dated: 09/10/2007, had lost in respect of the said property.

Further hereby informing that the said document/s are not traceable. For brevity of said deed as state supra, I am issuing this public notice. If any body found the said document, the same may be handed over at the below mentioned address.

Mrs.M.Manjula, Advocate
No.C-1, 1st Floor, Maruthi Pearl Plaza, D.V.G.Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004. Mob : 9945027091.

(Government of Karnataka)
Karnataka Tourism Infrastructure Limited Karnataka One State, Many worlds Department of Tourism
(A Government Undertaking)
CIN :U70100KA2015SGC081817
#54, 5th Floor, Indhana Bhavana, Racecourse Road, Opposite Renaissance Hotel, Bangalore-560001. Ph (080) 22352828. Fax: (080) 22352626

NO: KTIL/YO-01/35/2024-25 **Date:02.07.2025**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Executive Engineer, Karnataka Tourism Infrastructure Limited Bangalore, Invited the Tender for Selection of Consultant for Preparation of Detailed Project Report for Destination Development of world Heritage site Hampi Arts, Craft and Cultural village, Restoration, Last mile connectivity, Interpretation and other Tourism Infrastructure Facilities at Kamalapura, Hosapete, Hampi, Vijayanagara District under CEPMIZ Scheme (Indent No: KTIL/2025-26/SE0046) and Construction of Pradakshina Patha (Phase-2) to Anjanadri Hill, Gangavathi Taluk, Koppala District (Indent No: KTIL/2025-26/OW/ WORK_INDENT32) at **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** The Last Date for submitting proposals: **17.07.2025 16:00 Hrs** and Opening of Technical Proposal: 18.07.2025 17:00 Hrs. The details of the Tender & Calendar of Events are available at **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in Portal.**

Postponement of Calendar of events (if any), subsequent notification, changes, amendments and selection/rejection of proposal shall be intimated only through Karnataka public procurement portal and will not be published in newspapers. Department of Tourism reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders received without assigning any reasons thereof.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer, And Tender Inviting Authority,
Karnataka Tourism Infrastructure Limited

DIPR/CP/1597/Zenkar/2025-26

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER - 2nd Call (Only through KPP Portal)

BWSSB invites tenders in Two Stage System from eligible tenderers for the following works.

Office of the Chief Engineer (WWM-West), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 009.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Amount put to tender EMD
IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(WWM-W)/ACE(WWM-P-W)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-2/641/2025-26		Date: 02.07.2025
1.	Work of Supply, Installation,Testing & Commissioning of Submersible ultra heavy duty, dredging vertical pumpset, Supply of Helicoidal Screw conveyor and Helicoidal Inbuilt washing compactor, Supply of Odour Control Units, Online monitor of total and specific bacteria activity (E.coli and coliform) in water, Ultra Violet Disinfection Reactor - 1 MLD Design Flow at Yelahanka 10MLD TTP coming under AEE(WWM-P-H&AV)-1 sub division.	Rs. 306.39 Lakhs / Rs. 4.59 Lakhs
IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(WWM-W)/ACE(WWM-P-W)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-2/643/2025-26		Date: 02.07.2025
2.	Works of Supply of Helicoidal Screw conveyor and Helicoidal Inbuilt washing compactor, Implementation of CMMS software and Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Online monitor of total and specific bacteria activity (E.coli and coliform) in water and Ultra Violet Disinfection Reactor 1 MLD Design Flow at 40 MLD Rajacanal Phase-1 UWTP coming under AEE(WWM-P-H&A)-2 sub division.	Rs. 160.17 Lakhs / Rs. 2.4 Lakhs
IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(WWM-W)/ACE(WWM-P-W)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-2/645/2025-26		Date: 02.07.2025
3.	Work of supplying and fixing submersible ultra heavy duty dredging vertical pump set, installation of RECD to existing DG sets, installation of solar panels, adopting CMMS Software and Total Feacal coliform analayser for the 75MLD STP Mailasandra.	Rs. 239.41 Lakhs / Rs. 3.59 Lakhs
IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(WWM-W)/ACE(WWM-STP-W)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-2/647/2025-26		Date: 02.07.2025
4.	Improvement work of installation of dredging pump, Trash rack, Macerators and implementation of CMMS Software at 40 MLD Doddabele UWTP under JHA funds coming under AEE(WWM-STP) V.V-1 sub division.	Rs. 313.62 Lakhs / Rs. 4.70 Lakhs
IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(WWM-W)/ACE(WWM-STP-W)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-2/649/2025-26		Date: 02.07.2025
5.	Improvement Work of Supplying and Fixing Submersible Ultra Heavy Duty Dredging Vertical Pump set to Inlet Wetwell, Trash rack, Total Coliform Analyzer and installation of Macerators of 150MLD STP at V.Valley, UWTP under JHA funds coming under AEE(WWM-STP)V.V-1 sub division.	Rs. 302.03 Lakhs / Rs. 4.53 Lakhs

For above works, last date for submission of completed tender documents is on: **17.07.2025 upto 16:00Hrs.**
The Tenders will be opened on: **18.07.2025 at 17:00Hrs**.

Sd/- Chief Engineer(WWM-West).

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** For further details contact the above signed office during working hours.

DIPR/CP/RA/1599/2025-26

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
Syndicate Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)
Head Office : Bangalore

E-AUCTION Sale of Properties on 23.07.2025

Last date of EMD : 22.07.2025

ARM – 2 Branch, 2nd Floor, No. 86, Spencers Tower, M.g. Road, Bangalore – 560001. Ph No. : 080-25310181 E-Mail – cb6298@canarabank.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described imovable propeties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical/Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM Branch-2,** Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **23.07.2025** at **1:00 PM to 3:00 PM,** through E-Auction under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

For details with regard to E-Auction & digital signature please contact the service provider **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited, Helpdesk Number : 8291220220, Website: https://baanknet.com/**

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of E-Wallet of **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **22.07.2025.**

(Rs. in lacs)

Sl.No.	Name and address of the Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagor	Description of the immovable assets	Total Dues Possession Type	a. Reserve Price b. EMD c. Incremental Bid
1.	**1. The Managing Director M/s Technospark Industries India Pvt Ltd** 1341, Kavalbyrasandra, R T Nagar Post, (Near DR.Ambedkar Medical College), Bengaluru – 560032 Karnataka **Also at :** Plot No. 178-A2 & 179-A, KIADB Industrial Area, Vasanthanarasapura 1st Phase, Nagenahalli Post, Kora Hobli, Tumkur – 572 128. **2.Mr Mohan Suresh (Managing Director and Guarantor)** Flat No 604, Block No.E-2, Unit No.WH-87, VI Floor, Sri Ram White House, VI Main, 15th cross, R T Nagar, Bengaluru 560 032. **Also at :** A 1501, Vaishnavi Terrace,Dollars Colony, JP Nagar 4th Phase, Bengaluru 560 078,Karnataka **3. Mrs. Surekha Suresh (Director and Guarantor)** Flat No 604, Block No.E-2, Unit No.WH-87, VI Floor, Sri Ram White House, VI Main, 15th cross, R T Nagar, Bengaluru 560 032 **Also at :** A 1501, Vaishnavi Terrace, Dollars Colony, JP Nagar 4th Phase, Bengaluru 560 078, Karnataka **4. Mr M Sanjeev (Guarantor)** No 359, 17th A Cross, 26th Main Road, J P Nagar 6th Phase, Bangalore-560078.	All that piece and parcel of land and building existing and / or to be constructed there on in Sri Ram White House Apartment Complex House No WH-37, in Block AIII on the fifth floor, Apartment No 501, Survey No 37 located at VI Main, 15th cross, R T Nagar, Bangalore-32, together with easementary and appurtments thereto in the name of Mrs. Surekha Suresh and Mr. Mohan Suresh, and bounded as follows:- **East by**- Storm Water drain, **West by** -BDA Road,**North by** - Remaining portion of Property bearing Sy No 37, pertaining to White House Project And **South by** - Private Property.	**Rs. 47,95,65,727** as on **30.06.2025** plus further interest and cost thereon	a) ₹ 1,53,00,000/- b) ₹ 15,30,000/- c) ₹ 2,00,000/-
		All that piece and parcel of property **Flat Number 1 in the name of Mr. Mohan Suresh** situated on the ground floor of the multistoried building known as 'FAMILY YMCA" constructed in the property bearing No 57/4, PID No 92-30-57/4 situated at Miller Road within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No 92 (old Corporation Division No 47) measuring super built up area of 1430 square feet in Bangalore along with 286 square feet undivided share and bounded as follows; East- Premises Number 1 & 1/1, Bore Bank Road West- Premises No 56 of Millers Road North- Premises No 3 Bore Bank Road South- Miller Road and Premises No 56, Miller Road (in between Cantonment Railway Station under bridge and St. Johns Church) All that piece and parcel of property **Flat Number 2 in the name of Mr. Mohan Suresh** situated on the first floor of the multistoried building known as "FAMILY YMCA" constructed in the property bearing No 57/5, PID No 92-30-57/5 situated at Miller Road within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No 92 (old Corporation Division No 47) measuring super built up area of 1430 square feet in Bangalore along with 286 square feet undivided share and bounded as follows; **East-** Premises Number 1 & 1/1, Bore Bank Road, **West-** Premises No 56 of Millers Road, **North-** Premises No 3 Bore Bank Road And **South-** Millers Road and Premises No 56, Millers Road (in between Cantonment Railway Station under bridge and St. Johns Church. All that piece and parcel of property **Flat Number 3 in the name of Mr. Mohan Suresh** situated on the second floor of the multistoried building known as 'FAMILY YMCA" constructed in the property bearing No 57/6, PID No 92-30-57/6 situated at Miller Road within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No 92 (old Corporation Division No 47) measuring super built up area of 1430 square feet in Bangalore along with 286 square feet undivided share and bounded as follows; **East-** Premises Number 1 & 1/1, Bore Bank Road ,**West-** Premises No 56 of Millers Road ,**North-** Premises No 3 Bore Bank Road ,**South-** Millers Road and Premises No 56, Millers Road (in between Cantonment Railway Station under bridge and St. Johns Church).		a) ₹ 3,97,00,000/- b) ₹ 39,70,000/- c) ₹ 2,00,000/-
		All that piece and parcel ofproperty Flat Number 4, in the name of M/s Technospark Industries India Private Ltd, in the 3rd floor, admeasuring Super Built up area of 1430 square feet and 100 square feet land in the back yard to erect lift in the multistoried building known as "Family YMCA" constructed in the property bearing Muncipal No 57, PID No 92-30-57, situated at Millers Road, within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No 92 (old Corporation Division number 47) Bangalore along with 286 square feet undivided share and bounded as follows;**East-** Premises Number 1 & 1/1, Bore Bank Road & site nos 1/2, 1/3, 1/4, 1/5 and 1/6, Bore Bank Road,**West-** Premises No 56 of Millers Road, Premises No 38/B, 38/K, 38/J, 38/G, 38/H and Millers Road, , the last four premises situated on the New Road Running near premises number 38/B, Benson Cross and Cottage Belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander,**North-** Premises No 3 Bore Bank Road & Cottage belonging to Mr.Abdul Wajid and another. And **South-** Millers Road and Premises No 56, Millers Road.		a) ₹ 1,29,00,000/- b) ₹ 12,90,000/- c) ₹ 2,00,000/-
		Property No.152500900601920013, Plot No. 178-A2 & 179-A, Sy. No.50, Khata No. 37/37/178/A2/179/A, Vasanthanarasapura Induatrial Area, Nagenahalli village, Kora Hobli, Tumkur.		a) ₹ 7,17,00,000/- b) ₹ 71,70,000/- c) ₹ 2,00,000/-

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
Fordetailedtermsandconditionsofthesale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.canarabank.com/english/announcements/sale-notice/karnataka/ provided on the Secured Creditors' Website i.e www.canarabank.com. or may contact Chief Manager, ARM Branch II Bangalore, Canara Bank, Ph. No.,9113092975,8921102717,9201460154,9483544116,8709675503 and 080-25310181, during office hours on any working day.

Place: Bangalore
Date : 02.07.2025

Sd/- Authorized Officer,
Canara Bank

नरा बैंक Canara Bank
Syndicate Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)
Head Office: Bangalore

E-Auction Sale of Properties on 19.07.2025

Last date of EMD : 18.07.2025

ARM-1 Branch, 2nd Floor, No.86, Spencer Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001. Ph: 080-25310066. E-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described Immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical/Symbolic** possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 19.07.2025 Sl.No.(1) (10.30 AM to 11.00 AM), Sl.No.(2) (11:00 AM to 12:00 PM),** through E-Auction under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

For details with regard to E-Auction & digital signature please contact the service provider **M/s PSB Alliance (https://baanknet.com/) e- mail: support.ebkray@psballiance.com Helpdesk Number : 8291220220, Website: https://baanknet.com/**

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **18.07.2025 - 5.00 pm.** **(₹. in lakhs)**

Lot No	Name & Address of the Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagor	Description of the immovable assets:	Total Dues	a. Reserve Price b. EMD c. Incremental Bid	Inspection date & time
1	**(1) Smt. Vandana Gopal Shinde** W/o Shri.Gopal P Shinde , Flat No 246 & 256, Rajni Gandha Garden Apartment, 21st Vittal Mallaya Road, Bangalore- 560001. **(2) Shri Sanjeet Vijaykumar Raut** S/o Vijay Kumar, Flat No 246 Rajani Gandha Garden Apartments No 21 Vittal Mallya Road. Bangalore – 560001. **(3) Shri Gopal P Shinde,** Flat No.246, Rajni Gandha Apartment, 21st Vittal Mallaya Road, Bangalore-560001.	**Schedule 'A' Property:** All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Corporation No. 21, Vittal Mallya Road, formerly known as, Grant Road, Bangalore 560001 in all measuring 85412 sq ft i.e 7938 sq mtrs and bounded on the : East: Premises No. 20, Vittal Mallya Road (formerly known as Grant Road) and No. 25, Lavelle Road and measuring on that side 180'2" + 13'3" + 186'4" + 129'3" + 19'6", West: Premises No. 22/1, 22/2, 22/3, 22/4 Vittal Mallya Road and measuring on that side 125' + 276', North: Vittal Mallya Road and measuring on that side about 189'6", South: Premises Nos. 23 and 24, Lavelle Road and measuring on that side 89' + 59'3" + 1'8" + 11'2" +2'9" + 157'3" + 26'3". **Schedule 'B' Property:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Corporation No. 21/98, Vittal Mallya Road, Bangalore i.e, the apartment bearing Flat No. 246, (PID No. 76-22-21/98), on the 4th floor of the multistoried building by name "RAJNIGANDHA" in the apartment complex known as "GARDEN APARTMENT" measuring a super built area of 1350 sft along with prorata common area and facilities together with 0.448% undivided interest in the schedule 'A' property measuring 383 sq ft along with a covered car parking space bearing No. 91.	**Rs. 18468833.91/- as on 30.06.2025 with further interest and cost thereon. Physical possession**	**a) ₹. 224.75 b) ₹. 22.48 c) ₹.1.00**	**11.07.2025 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM. with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer**
2	**(1) Mr. Vasu V,** #2 1st C Main Road, Near Sallapuradamma Temple, Geleyara Balage, Bangalore North Mahalakshmipuram, Bangalore 560086. **Also At: Mr. Vasu V,** No.58, 1st Floor, 1st Main , KHB Colony, Nandini Layout, Bangalore-560096. **Also At: Mr. VasuV,** Flat No.B.205, 2nd Floor, B Block, Ms Palazzo S.No.108/18, Jakkur Road, Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk-560064. **(2) (Co-borrower) Mrs. Padma V** W/o Vasu V, 59/47, Geleyara balga, 3rd Main, Muneshwara Block, Blr Tq And Blr Dist Bengaluru-560086.	**Schedule A Property :** All the piece and parcel of immovable converted property bearing S.No.108/18, situated at Jakkur village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk - 560 064 measuirng about I acre & 37 guntas by residential conversion order no.BDS/ALN/SR/NA/195/02-03 dated 27.01.2003 in the jurisdiction of Byatarayanapura CMC with khatha no.9 /108 /B and 162/108/7B and bounded as follows, East by : Road, West by : Private property, North by : Private property, South by : Private Property. **Schedule B Property :** As per the apartment schedule, this flat conveyed in this has the undivided share of 750 Sq.ft from the mentioned schedule A as per the standards & specification in JD agreement between the land lord and developer. **Schedule C Property:** Flat No.B.205, 2nd floor, B Block, MS Palazzo which is constructed on the property as per schedule A with the sanctioned plan LP No.276/2006-07 dated 27.05.2006 issued by the Byatarayanapura CMC & present BBMP Khatha No.820/I/162/108/IB/51-B-205 with the super builtup area of 1770 Sq.ft consisting of Hall, Kitchen,Dining,3 bedrooms, Bathroom, Balconies etc., with vitrified tiles flooring & common area usage & other facilities as available & exclusive one covered car parking.	**Rs. 1,60,13,217.06 as on 30.06.2025 with further interest and cost thereon. Symbolic possession**	**a) ₹. 97.5 b) ₹. 9.75 c) ₹.1.00**	**11.07.2025 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM. with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer**

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No. 080-25310066, 9966397756, 9414400177 and 9039609346 during office hours on any working day.

Date : 01.07.2025
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorised Officer, Canara Bank

Vidyadhan scholarship to reach 1 lakh students

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Shibulal Family Philanthropic Initiatives' (SFPI) Vidyadhan scholarship programme aims to reach 1,00,000 economically disadvantaged students across 28 States over the next four years, SFPI has announced in a statement.

The programme, which supports students from class 11 through graduation, offers scholarships ranging from ₹10,000 to ₹75,000 per year, and is currently active in 22 States and Union Territories. It also provides residential training, career guidance, and employability skills.

"At SFPI, we believe education is the greatest equaliser with the power to transform both individuals and the nation sustainably. We aim to give 1,00,000 scholarships to meritorious, economically disadvantaged students across all States," said Kumari Shibulal, founder and chairperson of SFPI, adding that the platform's transparency and the impact of its 'Each One Teach One' model have attracted external sponsorships, enabling faster scaling, and broader reach.

Impact so far

The scholarship programme has so far impacted over 17,000 families, awarding 63,000 scholarships.

In 2024-25, it onboarded 4,900 students for post-school and intermediate education. Scholarships are offered across MBBS, engineering, and other courses. The programme is expected to reach 13,000 students by the end of FY 2025-26.

According to a communique from SFPI, Vidyadhan's impact so far includes 5% specially-abled students, 90% from rural areas, and 60% girls.

"An IIM-K study found that Vidyadhan graduates earn a first-year salary that is three times the scholarship amount. Within one or two years, 100% of the scholarship recipients' families have come out of poverty. The programme also impacts up to three family members through financial support, educational help, and career guidance for siblings," it said.

Karnataka Public School in K.R. Pet found charging annual fee for students

This is despite the promise of providing free and compulsory education to all children between the ages of six and 14 in government schools; government started the KPS in 2018-19

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While some students were given receipts in the name of the school, some receipts were in the name of a private coaching centre.

Despite the promise of providing free and compulsory education to all children between the ages of 6 and 14 in government schools, some Karnataka Public Schools (KPS) in the State have been found charging fees for students ranging from ₹2,500 to ₹5,000 per annum.

Parents have alleged that the KPS at K.R. Pet in Mandya district is charging students in English medium section as per the decision of the School Development and Monitoring Committee (SDMC). Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) for K.R. Pet, H.T. Manju, is the chairman of the SDMC.

Parents and a member of the SDMC of the school have complained to the Block Education Officer (BEO) of the K.R. Pet taluk, but no action has been taken even after a month, they alleged.

The State government started KPS across the State from 2018-19 to teach from pre-primary to class 12 under one roof. These schools offer bilingual classes, including English medium, from the pre-primary section. The governmenthas issued an order and framed separate regulations for the SDMCs of KPS .

Accordingly, it has been suggested to form an SDMC consisting of a total of 16 parents in schools with more than 1,023 children. This SDMC is chaired by the local MLA. Several sub-committees have been formed for the development of the school, and the SDMC can accept donations from the public and donors and carry out the development of the school.

Responding to the issue, K.V. Trilokchandra, Commissioner of Public Instruction, said, "It is completely against the rules to charge annual fees from government school children. I have instructed the Deputy Commissioner of Mandya district to investigate this issue and submit a report. Based on the report, action will be taken against the culprits."

Violation of rules

However, the SDMC of the KPS in K.R. Pet held a meeting and took a decision to collect fees from the children, and it was found that the fees were being collected illegally every year.

While some students were given receipts in the name of the school, some receipts were in the name of a private coaching centre. Some students were also asked to deposit the fees directly into the joint bank accounts of the school principal and the SDMC chairman.

"As per the Right to Education Act-2009, free and compulsory education should be provided to children between the ages of 6 and 14 in all government schools. However, in our KPS, ₹3,600 has been collected for LKG students, ₹2,600 from UKG students and ₹5,300 for English medium students from classes 1 to 7," alleged a parent.

Parents allege that many KPS in the Mandya district have also charged annual fees to children. "The SDMC has no right to fix fees in the government schools. Most of the children studying in government schools are economically and socially backward, and they are being deprived of education. Even after complaining to the BEO about this, no action has been taken. the government should immediately conduct an investigation and take legal action against the SDMCs that are collecting fees from school children," urged another parent.

Huge demand

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Puligeraiah, in-charge principal of the school in K.R. Pete, said, "The previous principal retired from service on June 30, 2025, and I have been working as the in-charge principal since July 1. So, I do not know much about the issue. There are a total of 2,384 children in our school. We have a limitation of only 30 children to be admitted for the LKG English medium section. However, due to the huge demand, additional sections have been started. Additional teachers and staff have been recruited for this. In this context, the decision to charge fees from the children may have been taken."

Slow progress of PM Surya Ghar scheme in Karnataka

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BENGALURU

The introduction of the Gruha Jyothi scheme, along with the lack of ease in installation process, has contributed to the slow progress of PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, under which subsidy is provided for the installation of rooftop solar systems to residential consumers, in Karnataka. The State so far had only 10,022 installations which is the lowest in South India.

The latest data by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy to the Rajya Sabha shows that there are 80,856 installations under the scheme in Kerala, 29,211 in Tamil Nadu, 16,556 in Andhra Pradesh, and 13,677 in Telangana.

According to data by electricity supply companies (escoms), since the introduction of the scheme in 2022, across five escoms 2,21,273 applications have been received for the scheme, but not all of them have resulted in installations.

Most installations

Bescom has the maximum number of installations (4,245), while Gescom has the least (539), despite the region receiving ample sunlight throughout the year making it ideal for solar generation.

"When the Surya Ghar programme was launched, many people mistakenly believed that it offered fully subsidised rooftop solar systems. They assumed they could install solar panels at no cost, generate electricity for personal use, and earn income by selling the surplus to the grid. This misunderstanding led to a surge in applications," a senior officer from Gescom explained. The utility has received over 10,000 applications for the scheme.

He further cited the State's Gruha Jyothi scheme, which offers free electricity for households consuming up to 200 units a month, as another reason for the limited uptake.

"When people are already receiving free power, they are understandably reluctant to invest their own money in rooftop solar installations," he said. "To address this, we are now shifting focus towards households that consume over 200 units per month, as they have a clear incentive to adopt the Surya Ghar programme."

PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana

Escom	Applications	Installations
Bescom	73,827	4,245
Cesc	39,900	1,162
Mescom	47,186	2,304
Hescom	49,706	1,792
Gescom	10,654	539
Total	2,21,273	10,042

Number of installations in South India

State	Installations
Kerala	80,856
Tamil Nadu	29,211
Andhra Pradesh	16,556
Telangana	13,677
Karnataka	10,022

Commenting on the overall slow progress of the State under the scheme, Gaurav Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Energy Department, said that the scheme stagnated in the vendor selection stage. "When the scheme was introduced, everyone applied. But when it came to the selection of vendors and banks online, they did not go ahead with it as they realised they had to take out a loan to get the subsidy. When there is free power under Gruha Jyothi scheme, they were not willing to take out loans to set up solar plants. None of them selected vendors and the process went into limbo."

Out of over 2 lakh people who had applied for the scheme, only 19,103 went for vendor selection, the data shows.

The Energy Department now looks to pursue more consumers to opt for gross metering (under which the electricity generated will be sold directly to the grid instead of domestic consumption). "People now feel that they will not get return on investment if they invest in solar plants residentially. Hence, Energy Minister K.J. George recently held a review and said that in order to provide some kind of benefit to consumers, we will push more electricity into the grid instead of domestic consumption (net metering). The rates will be applicable as per the tariff determined by the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC)".

Consumers' side

For consumers, what keeps them away from going ahead with the process is the hurdles they face along the way. Many of them complain that vendors and the sub-division officers demand bribes which deters them from going ahead with the installation.

Rohit Agasarahalli, a lecturer by profession from Shivamogga district, said that at the time of constructing his house, he had taken permission for the load of 1 kW. But he wanted to extend it to 5 kW to avail himself of the PM Surya Ghar scheme.

"The process of enhancing the load took a lot of time," he said. At one point he was so fed up that he wanted to give up. However, he continued and got the load extension. "Finally, it worked out and I got the system installed. The subsidy amount was released once the generation started," he said.

He said that in order to make the scheme attractive, it should be made more consumer friendly. "The system should be so simple that the beneficiary should be paying the required fee and expense, and the implementing agency or the vendor should be handling the rest of the work, including the extension of the load allotted. Then, people might opt for the scheme," he stated.

(With inputs from Kumar Buradikatti and Sathish G.T.)

Day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking observed at varsity

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Alliance University marked the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, observed annually on June 26, with an awareness initiative organised in collaboration with the Anekal police station.

Real-life experiences

Inspector Tippeswamy of Anekal Police Station, addressing hundreds of students and faculty members, shared real-life legal experiences, shedding light on the social and legal consequences of drug abuse.

His message emphasised the importance of responsible decision-making among youth.

Following the session, a rally was held on the university campus under the leadership of students. Carrying placards and banners, students raised slogans against drug abuse, advocating for a healthy and aware society.

10 professors of BU resign from extra responsibilities

They allege discrimination to professors belonging to Dalit community

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

At least 10 professors of Bangalore University have submitted their resignation from the additional responsibilities given to them. They alleged discrimination to professors belonging to the Dalit community while giving such administrative responsibilities.

In the letter to the Registrar (Administration) of the university, they stated: "While providing additional administrative responsibilities, it is just mentioned as 'in-charge' and they also trying to avoid the 'Earned Leaves (EL)' credited to our accounts. Despite repeated requests regarding this, there was no response from the university authorities. Hence, we are all submitting resignation from the additional responsibilities given to us."

No further action on minimum wage revision, govt. tells HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government has promised the High Court of Karnataka that no further action would be taken on the proposed draft notifications, issued in April 2025, for revision of minimum wages across 80 scheduled employments, unless meetings/discussions are held with representatives of the industry concerned.

An undertaking in this regard was given by the government advocate before a Bench of Justice Anant Ramanath Hegde on June 30, during the hearing on a petition filed by Nanjappa Hospitals, Shivamogga-Davangere. The petitioner-hospitals have questioned the April 11 and 19 notifications issued by the Labour Department proposing revision of minimum wages.

However, the court said that the petitioners are at liberty to move the court to seek appropriate relief if the notifications are sought to be implemented during the pendency of the petition.

It was argued on behalf of the petitioners that the proposal to fix uniform wages irrespective of the industry and irrespective of the region is contrary to the object of Minimum Wages Act, 1948 while pointing out that the government is yet to convene a meeting with the industries to discuss the proposal even though the petitioners have already filed their objections to the proposed revision.

Meanwhile, the Karnataka Employers' Association has claimed that the steep increase proposed in the minimum wages would deal a crippling blow to the business and to the employers.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No. B/TRD.2025-26/10
Dated : 26-06-2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
OHE modifications in connection with increasing of sectional speed from 110kmph to 130 kmph in Bengaluru - Jolarpettai section and removal of redundant mast / portal in Bengaluru Division.	Rs. 1,00,69,467.58

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs on 17-07-2025**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
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Traction Distribution, Bengaluru
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Government of Karnataka
Zilla Panchayat, Chitradurga
(Akshara Dasoha Programme)
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ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30.06.2025
E-tender notification
For the year 2025-26, Akshara Dasoha office, Zilla Panchayat, Chitradurga, here An e-tender as been invited through E-procurement act (KTPP) 1999 rules 2000 for the appointment of eligible and interested transport contractors for the transportation of food grains from KFCSC Godowns to schools of all 6 taluk's. **(1)** online E- tender notification will be available from date:30.06.2025 to 29.07.2025 within: 5.00 pm. **(2)** For more information visit the website WWW.kppp.Karnataka.gov.in and can contact the Akshara Dasoha office, Zilla Panchayat, Chitradurga during office hours.
DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/ 182/2025-26
Sd/- Deputy Secretary, Zilla Panchayat, Chitradurga

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
PROFORMA 10-01
INDIAN RAILWAYS
PUBLIC NOTIFICATION
Notice is hereby given to all users of Railway lines and premises situated on the completed section of the under-noted section of the South Western Railway that the 25000 Volt, 50 Hz., AC overhead traction wires will be energized on or after the date specified against the section. On and from the same date, the overhead traction line shall be treated as live at all the times and no unauthorized person shall approach or work in the proximity of the said overhead line.

Section	Probable date of Energization
Electrification of 25 kV, 50 Hz, AC, Single Phase Overhead Equipment for proposed 3rd and 4th line between Bengaluru Cantonment (BNC) to Baiyyappanahalli West Cabin (BYPW) under Bengaluru Cantonment - Whitefield Quadrupling project of Gati Shakti Unit, Bengaluru division in South Western Railway.	01.08.2025

Place : Bengaluru
Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer /Gati Shakti Unit, Bengaluru
PUB/239/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2025-26
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Divisional Office Building, No.8, Shri Vasavi Temple Road, Near Sajjan Rao Circle, V V Puram, Bangalore - 560004
Sale Notice Withdrawal
E-Auction Sale Notice published in this newspaper on **22.02.2025** pertaining to **1) M/s Cubatic Infra and Power Private Limited, (2) Mr Sathibabu Thiparthi, (3) Mrs Sai Deepthi Kesana, (4) Mrs M N Jayalakshmi (Guarantor and Title Holder),** which is scheduled on **11.03.2025** stands withdrawn & cancelled. The E-Auction sale date will be announced in due course.
Date : 02.07.2025 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: Bengaluru THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED

PUBLIC NOTICE
The General Public hereby notified that my client **Mr. Prem Kumar Agarwal S/o Chabbil Das Agarwal,** residing at No.606, 17th D Main, 6th Cross, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru-560095 is the absolute owner and is in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Property mentioned below in the Schedule. He has lost/misplaced the Original Sale Deed dated 26-12-2005, registered on 05-01-2006, registered as document no. KRI-1-11817-2005-06, Stored in CD No.KRID168, registered in office of the Sub-registrar's office Krishnarajapura, Bangalore pertaining to the Schedule Property. In this connection, an **E-Complaint has also been lodged on 28-06-2025 vide Lost Report No. 1675361/2025.** I hereby call upon the General public if anyone is in custody or possession of the same or otherwise found the above said document, kindly handover to undersigned immediately/within **7 days** and also I further bring into the notice of the general public that in case anyone dealing with the Schedule Property on the basis of the above said original document, it shall not be binding on my client and the same will be an offence and they are liable to punish under the Criminal and Civil Law.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Residentially Converted Land bearing **Sy No. 31,** Measuring: **3 Acres 03 guntas** (converted on-Agricultural Residential use Vide Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN (PBB) SR:145/2014-15, Dated: 19-12-2018, by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore) Situated at **Mandoor Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** and bounded on the;
East by : Road; West by : Land belong to Sy.No.32; North by : Land belonging to Sy.No.37; South by : Land belong to Sy.No.32;
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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No. B/TRD.2025-26/09
Dated : 26-06-2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
[I] SWR - Bengaluru Division - OHE modifications in connection with provision of 01 additional loop line on Road-1 side at Nidvanda Station **[II]** OHE modification in connection with proposed RUB in lieu of LC No. 28 at km 49/200-300 between Nidvanda - Hirehalli Stations (double track) with U-type retaining wall of 85m on both side and approach road of 135 mts	Rs. 1,38,91,597.02

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs on 17-07-2025**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(Construction Organisation)
E-Tender Notice No. DyCE-CN-II-MAS-03-2025-26 Dated: 25.06.2025
For and on behalf of The President of India, The Dy.Chief Electrical Engineer/ OHE, Construction, Southern Railway, Chennai Egmore invites E-Tender for the following works,

Name of work:	Proposed Repair and Renovation works at CAO/CN/MS office complex, DY.CE/CN/MAS office at My Ladyes Garden
Tender Value	Rs. 19551570.61/-
Bid Security (EMD)	Rs. 247800.00
Validity of the Offer	60 days
Pre-bid conference date & venue	-
Closing date and time	17.07.2025 at 11.00 hrs
Period of completion	12 months
E-Reverse auction	-

Note: The detailed Tender Notice, Tender document along with terms & conditions and if any corrigendum to the tender is issued can be accessed through **(www.ireps.gov.in)**
Dy. Chief Engineer, Construction/MAS Park Town, Chennai - 3.
For and on behalf of President of India

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No.SEE/Tr(O)Circle-N/EE(E)/AE(E)/25-26/765 Date:02.07.2025
SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPPP mode only)
KPTCL invites bid against Tender No: KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2316/Call-2. Tender for **"Re-conditioning of 150MVA CGL make Power Transformer and other reiated works at 220/66kV "A" Station, pertaining to NRS Operations Division, KPTCL, Bengaluru on Partial Turnkey & Percentage Basis".** The Tender will be received through **"KPP-Portal"** mode only. The detailed notification regarding the enquiry can be obtained by logging onto KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on the hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 03.07.2025.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.
Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Elecl., Tr (Operations) Circle-North, KPTCL, UAS Campus, Hebbala, Bengaluru-560 024

CM: Will complete Yettinahole drinking water project in 2 years

Siddaramaiah says of the total 24.1 tmcft needed for the project, 14 tmcft will be used for drinking water purposes which will benefit 75 lakh people across nine districts; project cost escalates by about ₹2,000 crore

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government will complete the Yettinahole project and supply drinking water within the next two years to 75 lakh people across nine districts, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced on Wednesday. He also said the project cost had escalated by about ₹2,000 crore owing to increased land acquisition costs.

"Yettinahole project is basically a drinking water project. Filling tanks to 50% of their capacity to improve the groundwater level is secondary. We have decided to first provide drinking water to people," the Chief Minister told presspersons atop Nandi Hills, near here, where a special Cabinet meeting, to primarily discuss issues of Bengaluru Revenue division, had been convened.

Key decisions: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, accompanied by his Cabinet colleagues and Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh, at the Cabinet meeting at Nandi Hills on Wednesday.

Priority to drinking

The Chief Minister said that of the total 24.1 tmcft needed for the project, 14 tmcft would be used for drinking water purposes. "Let us first complete the drinking water project that will benefit Chickballapur, Kolar, Bengaluru Rural, Tumakuru, and Hassan," he said. About 3.08 tmcft from Lakkavalli reservoir (1.88 tmcft) and Vadeyarahalli reservoir (1.2 tmcft) is being proposed to augment the capacity of the Yettinahole project, he added.

Revised estimate of the Yettinahole project, which commenced in 2014, is ₹23,251 crore

Mr. Siddaramaiah said the revised estimates of the Yettinahole project, which commenced in 2014, was ₹23,251 crore, of which ₹17,147 crore had already been spent. "However, we still require ₹8,000 crore to complete the project... The next Cabinet will take up the subject for finalisation."

Providing a break-up of the cost incurred and the project status, he said the head-work had been completed at a cost of ₹4,202 crore, nearly 85% of the gravity main canal work had been completed by spending about ₹8,807 crore. Besides, 96% of the work on feeders have been completed, he said.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who holds the Major and Medium Irrigation portfolio, said the Cabinet also discussed the issue of increasing the holding capacity of the balancing reservoir for the Yettinhole project from the earlier 1.89 tmcft to 3 tmcft. "The reservoir will be built on the Tumakuru and Chickballapur border," he said.

HN valley water issue

On the demand from farmers, who, citing the alleged groundwater pollution, are seeking the third stage of treatment of the water supplied to Kolar from the Hebbal-Nagawara valley, the Chief Minister said, "If farmers ask for another stage of treatment of water, we will do it. This is not a drinking water project. Our focus is to improve the groundwater level."

When reporters pointed out that Food and Civil Supplies Minister K.H. Muniyappa had also asked for the third stage of treatment, the Minister, who was sitting with the Chief Minister, acknowledged that the farmers had petitioned him in this regard. However, Higher Education Minister M.C. Sudhakar intervened and alleged that the demand for the third stage of treatment was politically motivated.

"The United Nations has appreciated the project. The Indian Institute of Science is providing vital values to the National Green Tribunal (NGT). But farmers have been demanding water since water flow has been reduced due to repair of two pumps."

Meanwhile, the Cabinet on Wednesday approved the filling of 164 lakes in Sidalghatta and Chintamani taluks with the secondary treated water from the Hebbal-Nagawara valley at the cost of ₹237 crore.

Sub-committee on mining

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BENGALURU

The Cabinet on Wednesday decided to set up a Cabinet sub-committee headed by Law and Parliamentary Affairs H.K. Patil to study the illegal mining cases handled by the Lokayukta and submit a report within a month, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar said.

"Mr. Patil also headed an earlier sub-committee on illegal mining, and he had made the recommendation on investigation, recovery and action. This is being done to safeguard the interests of the State and protect natural resources," he added.

Recently, Mr. Patil wrote a seven-page letter to the Chief Minister expressing displeasure over the handling of mining cases, and pointed out that only 7.6% of the cases had been investigated even as he accused that ₹1.5 lakh crore had been looted.

Bengaluru Rural district will now be Bengaluru North

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Cabinet on Wednesday decided to name Bengaluru City University after former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, who passed away in December 2024. It also decided to rename the border town of Bagepalli as Bhagya Nagar and Bengaluru Rural district as Bengaluru North district. Incidentally, the government's earlier decision to rename Ramanagara district as Bengaluru South drew sharp reactions from its political rival Janata Dal (Secular).

"The government decided on renaming Bagepalli based on the request of the local legislator. *Palli* is a Telugu word. In our region (Mysuru), we call a lizard *palli*," Chief Minister Siddaramaiah defended. When his attention was drawn to several villages in Bagepalli taluk having *palli* in their name and what the government intended to do about them, Mr. Siddaramaiah said, "We will go by what the local legislator says."

Renaming spree: The State Cabinet on Wednesday decided to name Bengaluru City University after former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. FILE PHOTO

Chickballapur projects

The Cabinet on Wednesday approved several projects for Chickballapur. Among them was the second campus of Bengaluru North University at Amaravati village in Sidlaghatta taluk at a cost of ₹123.5 core, an international flower auction centre at a cost of ₹10 crore, construction of a reservoir in Chintamani taluk at a cost of ₹36 crore, and approval for filling water from the Hebbal-Nagawara valley to 164 tanks in Sidlaghatta and Chintamani taluks. Other sanctions are ₹11-crore worth of MRI equipment for Nandi Institute of Medical Sciences, Chickballapur; a Morarji Desai Residential School in Chintamani, renovation of hospitals at Bagepalli and Chickballapur at a cost of ₹36 crore. Of the ₹3,400-crore projects approved on Wednesday, ₹2,050-crore worth of projects are for districts in the Bengaluru Revenue division.

Other decisions

Among other decisions of the Cabinet are approval of 14 residential schools in the State at a cost of ₹306 crore, residential schools for children of construction workers in every district at a cost of ₹1,125 crore, and setting up community health centres in places that do not have primary health centres.

The BJP, meanwhile, has opposed naming Bengaluru City University after Manmohan Singh.

WHO recognition for Asha Kirana initiative

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BENGALURU

The World Health Organization (WHO) has recognised Karnataka's Asha Kirana initiative, a project to reach eye care on the doorstep of people, as "a model for integrated people-centred eye care".

Sharing the letter from the World Health Organization on social media, Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said, "This validation reinforces our commitment to equitable, accessible, and community-driven healthcare."

From Page One

Siddaramaiah asserts he will be CM for full term

On Monday, Mr Siddaramaiah had maintained that the Congress government would remain "solid as a rock" for five years and stated that he and the Deputy Chief Minister were on good terms.

On Tuesday, a show cause notice was served on Ramanagara MLA H.A. Iqbal Hussain, who has been making statements that Mr. Shivakumar should become the Chief Minister. "I have given notice to him. Will have to give notice to others too. Discipline is important. I have not asked anyone to take my name, to make me CM. There is no need for it. When the CM (Siddaramaiah) is there, there is no need for any discord," the KPCC chief said.

Meanwhile, Mr. Surjewala on Wednesday continued his one-on-one meetings with party MLAs. He is in Karnataka on a damage control mission amid multiple statements being made by party MLAs on governance and other issues.

Surjewala here to prepare ground for CM's resignation: BJP

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Taking note of AICC general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala camping in Bengaluru to meet Congress MLAs, the BJP has claimed that he is preparing the ground for Chief Minister Siddaramaiah relinquishing the post. The BJP maintained that the change of Chief Minister was certain, either in October or November, even as Mr. Siddaramaiah declared on Wednesday that he would complete his full term.

BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra, addressing a press conference in Bengaluru on Wednesday, appealed to Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot to take note of horse trading that he predicted would ensue, while observing that the competition for the Chief Ministerial post had increased in the party.

Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok observed that change of Chief Minister would take place in October or November.

Alleging that Mr. Siddaramaiah was repeatedly claiming that he would complete the full term out of insecurity, as Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar was sending signals that he would seize power from him, Mr. Ashok urged the Congress high command to clarify if Mr. Siddaramaiah would indeed complete the full term.

HC permits CBI to expand scope of probe in Valmiki corporation case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has permitted the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to investigate the allegation of diversion of funds of the Karnataka German Technical Training Institute (KGTTI) by allowing the agency to expand the scope of the probe into the existing fraud case involving misappropriation of over ₹89 crore of the State-run Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Ltd. through the account maintained in the Union Bank of India (UBI).

Also, the court permitted the CBI to probe the diversion of around ₹2.17 crore of the Valmiki corporation through an account maintained in the Bank of Baroda (BoB).

Meanwhile, the court also directed the Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), which has investigated the Valmiki corporation case based on an FIR registered by the State police, the Enforcement Directorate (ED), which probed the money laundering angle of the case; and the Central and the State Forensic Sciences Laboratories to hand over certified copies of documents and forensic images of all relevant digital devices seized by them in the case.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the interim order on July 1 while hearing a petition filed in November 2024 by Basanagouda R. Patil Yatnal, MLA, and others, who had sought the transfer of the criminal case probed by the CID's SIT in the Valmiki corporation case to the CBI, which is probing the case based on the complaint lodged by the UBI.

CBI's new disclosures

In its status report submitted to the court on its probe conducted on the UBI's complaint, the CBI said that it had detected a fresh diversion of ₹95 lakh from the KGTTI's account in Canara Bank besides the diversion of the additional ₹2.17 crore from the corporation from its account in the BoB and these funds too have been routed to Nekkanti Nagaraj, who is an accused in the main Valmiki development corporation case.

Citing these newly surfaced instances of fund diversion, the CBI sought permission from the court to investigate the roles of the officials and private individuals involved in diverting funds from the KGTTI and additional funds from the corporation, as part of the present investigation.

"Horizons of the investigation are sought to be expanded in view of what is gathered during the probe, as narrated in the status report. Since the prayer is for the completion of the investigation or taking the investigation to its logical conclusion by filing a final report before the concerned court, I deem it appropriate to grant the prayers that are sought by the CBI in the status report," Mr. Justice Nagaprasanna said while adjourning further hearing on the petition.

Police officer alleges insult by CM, seeks VRS

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

Narayan Venkappa Baramani, Additional Superintendent of Police, Dharwad, has submitted a request for voluntary retirement from his service. In a three-page letter, he has requested VRS, saying he was "insulted" by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah during a Congress rally in April.

The Karnataka State Police service officer joined the force as a sub-inspector in 1994. He has a few more years left in service.

There have been rumours that he has political ambitions and that he is an aspirant for the BJP ticket from Belagavi North or Belagavi Rural Assembly constituency. He, however, has denied these rumours.

In his letter seeking VRS, he has narrated the incident in Belagavi when he was posted for security arrangements for the Congress rally on April 28. He has stated that the Chief Minister "tried to slap" him, holding him responsible for the law and order situation when a few women in the crowd displayed black flags and shouted slogans. "The Chief Minister got angry and tried to slap me. I took a step back to escape from the assault. But I could not escape the humiliation in public, though I had not committed any mistake," he said, citing how TV channels had broadcast this incident for two days. "Neither the CM nor any senior officer called me to console me," he said further, stating this had hit his morale. "By his behaviour, the Chief Minister not only reduced my morale but also that of all government servants in Karnataka. I have been a disciplined officer and remained committed to public service... But I have faced humiliation for months for no fault of mine. I speak for all government servants in and out of uniform. I have no other way, but to submit the VRS application," the letter said.

The BJP has appealed to Mr. Baramani to withdraw his VRS application. In a social media post, BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra said the general public, and the BJP would offer him moral support.

Tamil Nadu Power Generation Corporation Ltd
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CHANGE OF NAME

I, HYDERVALLY P, r/at No 119/2, Salma's House, 7th A Cross, Jai Jawan Nagar, M S Nagar Post, Bangalore 560033 have changed my daughter name from P V Salma to Vazakath Salma P vide affidavit dtd 01.07.25 sworn before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar, Bluru

I, Raghavendra N Shet S/o Late Narayan, Residing at Door No 203, KMF Quarters, Dr M H Marigowda Road, Bengaluru – 560 029 hereby declare that I have changed my name as Raghavendra N Shet from Raghavendra Shet before Sri S Jayanth, Advocate and Notary, Bengaluru – 27 vide Affidavit dated 21.06.2025.

I, CHARANYA Nishanth W/o Nishanth residing at No.302, Himalayan Enclave, Sonnathammanahalli, T C Palya, Bengaluru-560036, have changed my name to Charanya Gandhi vide affidavit dated 02-07-2025 before Meer Hassan, Notary, Bengaluru.

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E-AUCTION NOTIFICATION NO.SWH/E-AUCTION-1/009/2025/TC DT.2.07.25 MSTC REF: MSTC/SRO/CHPA/2/TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT/25-26/18501[515948]

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SC directs A.P. govt. to file inquiry report in illegal mining case

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Bench directed the State to submit the inquiry report in a sealed cover.

The Supreme Court on Wednesday directed the State of Andhra Pradesh to submit, in a sealed cover, its inquiry report into an alleged illegal mining scam involving former Gannavaram MLA and YSR Congress Party leader Vallabhaneni Vamsi Mohan.

The direction was issued by a Bench led by Justice M.M. Sundresh while hearing a petition filed by the State challenging a May 29 order of the Andhra Pradesh High Court, which had granted anticipatory bail to Mr. Mohan in connection with the case.

Senior advocate Siddharth Luthra, appearing for the State, submitted that the government had not been granted a proper opportunity to present its case. He said Mr. Mohan was the "kingpin" of a "large-scale mining scam" and that his custodial interrogation was necessary, citing allegations that he had threatened witnesses.

When Justice Sundresh observed that the complaint appeared "barebones" and lacked material particulars, Mr. Luthra responded that the inquiry report prepared by the State's Vigilance and Enforcement Department was exhaustive. The Bench then directed the State to place the report on record in a sealed cover.

According to the State's petition, the large-scale illegal mining scam was uncovered through a comprehensive inquiry by the Vigilance and Enforcement Department. The illegal activities allegedly took place between 2019 and 2024 across Gannavaram, Bapulapadu, and Vijayawada Rural mandals.

The State submitted that Mr. Mohan, during his tenure as MLA, had misused his office and conspired with associates to orchestrate a sophisticated racket involving the fraudulent procurement and misuse of temporary mining permits.

The petition claimed that mining permits were obtained using forged documents of unsuspecting civilians who had been misled into submitting their identity proofs under the pretext of enrollment in government welfare schemes.

"The total wrongful loss to the public exchequer due to these fraudulent mining activities has been calculated to be ₹195.04 crore," the State's petition noted.

The Bench agreed to hear the State's petition in detail on July 17.

Customers have no reason to worry about deposits, says Karnataka Bank

We are not in any kind of financial difficulty and we are constantly growing since our beginning, which is unique in the financial sector, says chairman Pradeep Kumar Panja

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Pradeep Kumar Panja

Karnataka Bank, a Mangaluru-based private sector lender, on Wednesday said that it was not in any kind of financial difficulty and that, in fact, it was on a path of constant growth since its inception in February 1924, and its customers have no reason to worry about their deposits with the bank.

Bank's chairman Pradeep Kumar Panja told *The Hindu*, "The bank is sound, strong and financially stable. No customer has to worry about the safety of their deposits. Their money is absolutely safe. We are not in any kind of financial difficulty, and, in fact, we are constantly growing since our beginning, which is unique in the financial sector."

Refuting all allegations heard in the market in the last couple of days, especially after the exits of the bank's CEO and MD Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma and ED Sekar Rao, Mr. Panja said contrary to some "baseless and false" claims, Karnataka Bank has been probably the only bank in the country that has been profitable right from the beginning and the last 101 years of its existence.

"Our capital adequacy ratio is 13% against the apex bank's stipulation of 11.5%. And our liquidity is also strong," he said.

Responding to a query on whether the top-level exits triggered negative reactions, Mr. Panja said both exits were for personal reasons. However, a bank source admitted that although these executives cited personal reasons, their resignations also followed ongoing differences with the board on various issues. When asked if the bank had seen any frantic withdrawal of deposits, he said, "Some people in the last two to three days have withdrawn some deposits, but the deposits the bank received in these days were much more than these withdrawals. So, there is no trust issue or fear in the minds of customers and there is no need for any concern."

Mr. Panja further said that Karnataka Bank is a private sector lender, but 100% of its ownership is with shareholders. "People own the bank and therefore it can't get sold or bought that easily."

According to him, the bank has already sought RBI's approval to appoint an interim CEO and MD and also constituted a search committee to look for a permanent CEO and MD.

Telangana blast: 37 bodies recovered

Naveen Kumar
HYDERABAD

The body of one more worker was recovered at the Sigachi Industries blast site on Wednesday afternoon, taking the number of recovered bodies to 37. The company informed the National Stock Exchange that 40 of its workers were killed in the explosion at its Pashamylaram facility.

Srinivas Reddy, superintendent of the Patancheru government hospital – which is handling the autopsies – confirmed that they had been informed about the latest recovery. "The total number of bodies brought in from the blast site stands at 37 as of Wednesday afternoon," he said. Two days after the devastating blast that tore through the Pharma manufacturing unit, the site remains sealed off, with combing and search operations still in progress.

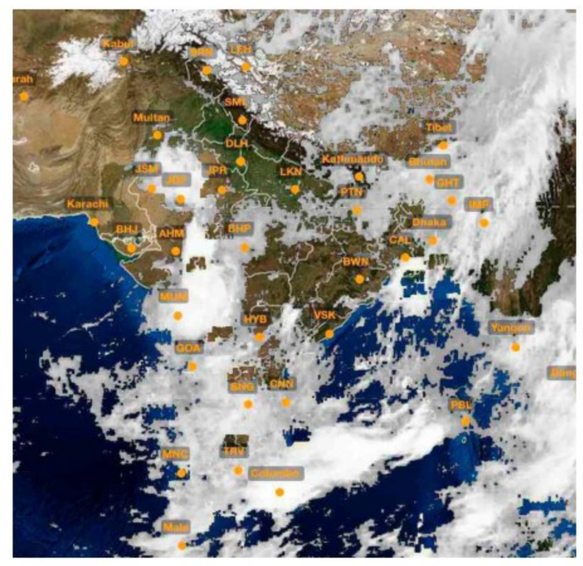
Families of the workers still missing or unidentified waited outside, some clutching photographs, others simply hoping for a word.

Makeshift tent set up

A makeshift tent was set up half a kilometre away to collect DNA samples from relatives in an effort to identify human remains charred beyond recognition.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Saurashtra & Kutch, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Tripura, Sikkim, West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	1	32.6	26.2	Kozhikode	36	29.2	24.2
Ahmedabad	11	31.8	26.2	Kurnool	17	28.6	23.4
Aizawl	0.8	32.6	21.7	Lucknow	2	34.9	26.6
Allahabad	0.4	34.0	26.5	Madurai	—	38.7	26.2
Bengaluru	0.8	28.2	20.6	Mangaluru	21	28.1	23.6
Bhopal	77	28.4	22.8	Mumbai	4	29.7	26.5
Bhubaneswar	3.8	32.4	25.1	Mysuru	0.5	27.0	20.0
Chandigarh	17	36.4	24.8	New Delhi	0.3	36.6	27.6
Chennai	8.4	35.9	29.9	Patna	8	34.3	27.1
Coimbatore	—	31.2	22.4	Port Blair	4	30.7	26.3
Dehradun	9	33.4	24.3	Puducherry	—	34.2	27.2
Gangtok	19	22.0	18.1	Pune	3.4	28.2	24.3
Goa	65	28.0	25.2	Raipur	—	27.8	25.0
Guwahati	—	33.0	26.6	Ranchi	13	28.6	23.4
Hubballi	—	27.0	23.0	Shillong	62	24.0	18.2
Hyderabad	4.2	26.0	21.1	Shimla	26	26.0	20.4
Imphal	11	30.4	24.1	Srinagar	—	32.8	23.4
Jaipur	5	33.5	26.9	Thiruvananthapuram	1	32.4	23.4
Kochi	8	29.4	24.6	Tiruchi	—	35.1	27.0
Kohima	5	26.8	19.6	Vijayawada	2	30.4	24.4
Kolkata	0.9	34.0	27.0	Visakhapatnam	23	27.0	24.5

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.11	.24	28	236	143	
Bengaluru	.10	.47	66	—	93	
Chennai	.6	.8	32	39	125	
Delhi	.9	.34	16	68	171	
Hyderabad	.29	.17	44	71	84	
Kolkata	.10	.41	24	37	39	
Lucknow	.9	.40	74	42	69	
Mumbai	.26	.58	19	60	73	
Pune	.—	.51	95	29	57	
Visakhapatnam	.11	.71	25	39	67	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bhiwandi, Maharashtra recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 350 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 7

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
Construction & Maintenance Division, LPSC CAMPUS
80 Ft. Road, HAL II Stage, Bengaluru. Ph No: 080-25037204/080-25037214

Date: 02.07.2025

e-TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the President of India, Item rate tenders are invited for the following works.

Sl. No.	Name of work and NIT No. & Date	Estimated Amount	EMD	Period of Completion
1	Term Contract for Civil Maintenance works at LPSC(B) campus, Bengaluru. NIT No. : LPSC(B)/CMD/03/3007/C/MI/005/ 2025-26 DATED:02.07.2025	₹ 10.00 Lakhs	₹ 20,000/-	12 Months
2	Term Contract for Civil Maintenance works at LPSC(B) campus, Tumakuru. NIT No. : LPSC(B)/CMD/03/3008/C/MI/006/ 2025-26 DATED:02.07.2025	₹ 10.00 Lakhs	₹ 20,000/-	12 Months
3	Providing Fire rated/Steel doors for various facilities at LPSC(B) Campus, Bengaluru. NIT No. : LPSC(B)/CMD/02/2023/C/MI/007/ 2025-26 Dated 02.07.2025	₹ 10.87 Lakhs	₹ 21,740/-	02 Months
4	Providing floor painting at corridor area at ITPF, LPSC(B) Campus, Tumakuru. NIT No. : LPSC(B)/CMD/02/2021/C/Re-tender/ MI/008/2025-26 Dated 02.07.2025	₹ 7.08 Lakhs	₹ 14,160/-	01 Month

Sale Period : **From 02.07.2025 to 11.07.2025**

Interested tenderers may please refer **www.tenderwizard. com/ISRO.** Also detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from website **www.isro.gov.in, www.lpsc.gov.in**

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PR 356300 Rural Development (25-26)_D

BEFORE THE HON'BLE CCH-87 OF ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BANGALORE, KARNATAKA
COM OS/1259/2024

BETWEEN:
TTK Prestige Limited,
Having its registered office at: Plot No. 38,
SIPCOT Industrial Complex, Hosur- 635 126.
Having its Corporate office at: Corporate Office at No.1/1, & 1/2,
"Nagarjuna Castle," Wood Street,
Ashok Nagar, Richmond Town, Near Shoolay Circle,
Bengaluru – 560 025.
Having its Branch Office at:
2nd Floor, Brigade Towers, 135, Brigade Road, Bangalore-560 025,
Represented by Mr. G. Arun Kumar **Ph No: 9738033315**
E-mail: arunkumar.g@ttkprestige.com
.... PLAINTIFF

-AND-
Mr. Mohammed Ayaz
Proprietor of M/s. Home Needs,
Having Shop at: No. C-10, C-19, HMS Shopping Complex,
Opposite to Jain Temple, MG Road, Tumkur- 572 101
Residential Address:
No.2223, Sira Gate, Sathyamangala Road, Tumkur- 572 006.
Phone: 9886862549
.... DEFENDANT

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20(1) OF CPC

Whereas the Plaintiff has filed a recovery of money suit against you for the liability of INR 19,46,370/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Forty-Six Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Only) inclusive of interest accrued @18% per annum as on 17.09.2024 to the Plaintiff and further interest accruing at the rate of 18% per annum beginning from 18.09.2024 till the date of repayment. You are hereby summoned to appear in this Hon'ble Court either in person or through pleader duly instructed on 11.07.2025 at 11:00 A.M. to answer the claim and you are directed to produce on that day all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your defense.

Take notice that, if you fail to appear before the court on the day, date & time mentioned above, the matter will be heard & decided in your absence.

Given under my hand seal of the court 18th day June 2025.

-Sd- Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.
-Sd- FOR KING STUBB & KASIVA , ADVOCATES AND ATTORNEYS

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government Of India Undertaking)
Head Office: Bangalore

ARM-1 Branch,
2nd Floor, No.86, Spencer Tower,
M.G. Road Bengaluru-560001
Ph:080-25310066, E-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 18.07.2025 (11.30 AM to 12.00 AM), for recovery of Rs.8,09,81,266.72/- (Rupees Eight Crore Nine Lakh Eighty One Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Six and Seventy Two Paise only)** as on **30.06.2025** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1) M/s Javeed Steels Prop. Mohd Aaqib Javeed** At No. 30, New Bambool Bazar City Market, N R Road Bengaluru 560002. **(2) Mohd. Aaqib Javeed** S/o Mohammed Irfan Javed, **(3) Smt. Fahmida Begum Urf Nishat Begum** W/o Mohammed Irfan Javeed, **(4) Mohammed Irfan Javeed, All are residing at:** No.301, Thimmaiah Road, Civil Station, Shivaji Nagar, Bangalore-560046.

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(₹.In Lakhs)

Lot	Description of the immovable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value
1	All part and parcel of immovable property bearing municipal No 301 (old No. 21/F) situated in Thimmaih Road, Bangalore Mahanagara Palike ward No79, Bangalore Together with all the construction thereon measuring on east 103 feet, on West 99 feet, on North 19 feet and on south 22 feet and 8 inches, Total extent of the land 2232 Sq.ft and Bounded on the: East By: premises bearing old No.21/E of Thimmaiah Road, West By: Premises bearing old No.21 of Thimmaiah Road, North By: Thimmaiah Road, South By: Conservancy. **Coordinates of the property Latitude- 12.59240N Longitude- 77.36109E**	₹. 307.64	₹. 30.76	₹. 1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

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Date : 30.06.2025
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

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ARM Branch– II
2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No.86, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001. Telephone numbers 080-25310099, 080-25310181
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AUCTION SALE NOTICE

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Sl. No.	Vehicle Model	Registration Month & Year	Registration No.	Reserve price	EMD amount
1.	Ashok Leyland GP4825 tanker Goods carriage -HMV	JAN-2024	TS-07-UP-1167	Rs 48,00,000/-	Rs 4,80,000/-
2	Ashok Leyland GP4825 tanker Goods carriage -HMV	JAN-2024	TS-07-UP-1152	Rs 48,00,000/-	Rs 4,80,000/-
3	Ashok Leyland GP4825 tanker Goods carriage -HMV	JAN-2024	TS-07-UP-1356	Rs 48,00,000/-	Rs 4,80,000/-
4	Ashok Leyland GP4825 tanker Goods carriage -HMV	JAN-2024	TS-07-UP-1125	Rs 48,00,000/-	Rs 4,80,000/-
5	Ashok Leyland GP4825 tanker Goods carriage -HMV	JAN-2024	TS-07-UP-1149	Rs 48,00,000/-	Rs 4,80,000/-

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Date : 02.07.2025
Place : Bengaluru

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Under fire

The state must enforce compliance of regulations in the fireworks industry

An accident is, by definition, both unexpected and preventable. But the numerous fireworks industry blasts that dot the summer months with stunning regularity in the firecracker manufacturing belt of Tamil Nadu in Virudhunagar challenge this definition. A total of 26 people have died and 20 others injured in eight accidents that have occurred in the first six months of 2025. According to official data, 17 accidents were reported in fireworks units in the State in 2024 and claimed the lives of 52 people. Of these, 42 people died in 12 accidents in Virudhunagar, which has roughly 1,000 fireworks units and 3,000 cracker shops. In 2023, 79 workers were killed in 27 accidents in the State, including 28 workers in 15 accidents in Virudhunagar. In the latest episode, eight persons died and five others were injured in an explosion at a fireworks factory in Sattur, near Sivakasi this week. Preliminary reports said friction caused during the process of filling chemicals that are used to make special fireworks may have caused the explosion. Investigations are on to pinpoint the exact cause. But whatever the cause, there is unlikely to be any new learning from this kind of post mortem.

Temperatures in the rather dry, hot belt of Virudhunagar often soar unbearably during the day. It is also common knowledge that firecracker units store chemicals that are highly inflammable, and can ignite and burn easily when exposed to an ignition source such as a spark, flame, or high heat. And yet, unerringly, the summer months, usually, have unfortunate accidents resulting in the death or the disability of people who are already vulnerable, socially and economically. While the laxity of manufacturers is condemnable, there is also a big role for the state in regulating these fireworks units, since all of them require a licence from the Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organization to function. The Explosives Rules, 2008, which govern fireworks units, specify that packages containing explosives shall not be allowed to remain in the sun or exposed to excessive heat, and all due precautions ought to be taken to prevent accidents by fire or explosion. Following the rules is essential to retaining the licence to operate and manufacture explosives. Clearly, here is a situation where the heft of the state can be utilised to ensure compliance, but a better way of handling it is to involve manufacturers in an effort to ensure there are no further accidents, no further lives lost as a result. Such cooperation has produced results in the past in curbing the employment of child labourers in the industry. It will now have to be leveraged to save precious lives. A preventable tragedy that repeats itself makes a farce of state regulation and enforcement.

Away from the edge

The incineration of toxic waste from the Bhopal tragedy took time and effort

The Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board has confirmed that officials had incinerated 337 tonnes of toxic waste moved to a private waste treatment facility in Pithampur from the defunct Union Carbide facility in Bhopal. The event closes a single, but important, chapter in the sordid history of the 1984 Bhopal disaster, the state response to which pushed the city and its people to the edge. The successful incineration is illustrative in that it demanded interventions from the Madhya Pradesh High Court, the Supreme Court of India, and the Union Environment Ministry, among other stakeholders, over more than a decade. In the end, the State government was able to arrange for the waste to be safely disposed of – including an outreach exercise to assuage public anxiety over the emissions – within six months at a cost of ₹126 crore. Evidently the means have always existed; the political initiative to effect them has been wanting. This is an important detail: waste, once it has entered the environment, has a tendency to be converted to different forms; it seldom goes away. The toxic waste incinerated thus far has yielded more than 800 tonnes of ash and residue that officials will have to landfill in a scientific manner. Like solid waste landfills around the country, this new facility will require regular upkeep, monitoring, and funds of its own. The site of the Union Carbide plant also retains several more tonnes of contaminated soil and other hazardous artefacts, plus contaminated subsurface resources in the area.

Crucially, much of the impetus for positive change in the matter, including waste removal, has come from victims' families, survivors, and activists rather than from the state. Survivors' groups have filed petitions arguing that deaths and injuries continue to be undercounted and that they are owed inflation-adjusted damages. Since the Supreme Court closed the door on the curative route, also in dispute is whether a new valuation of losses can be forced on The Dow Chemical Company, notwithstanding the fact that it remains a proclaimed offender. Long-term surveillance has been patchy, with activists and survivors alleging that the advisory committee appointed by the top court has met only sporadically and that local hospitals continue to suffer a shortage of specialist medical workers to attend to survivors. In the final analysis, Dow must account for all remediation activities. Both the State and the Centre must close pending settlement claims and attend on a self-motivated basis to the survivors' well-being, if required with the assistance of a new statutory body to unify health, relief, and remediation goals. Ultimately, the families must be able to move on.

Rephasing global development finance

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India's development cooperation with the Global South has been showing a rising trend for the last several years. India has made consistent efforts to expand the facets of these engagements and has also almost doubled the flow of quantum – from around $3 billion in 2010-11 to around $7 billion in 2023-24. While capacity building programmes and the initiatives for technology transfer and duty-free access to India markets have been important modalities of this engagement, the main instrument has been the extension of lines of credit (LoC) under the Indian Development and Economic Assistance Scheme (IDEAS).

If budgetary provisions for 2025-26 are any indication, the red flag from the Ministry of Finance on credit lines, as a modality of engagement, is absolutely clear. At the G-20, India expressed serious concerns over rising sovereign debt levels across the Global South. During the third Voice of Global South Summit (VoGS) in 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi articulated the concept of a Global Development Compact (GDC), thereby implying a harmonious balance between all the modalities of engagement with the Global South. It is worth noting that there are five modalities of engagement, *viz.*, capacity building, technology transfer, market access, grants and concessional finance. This balanced approach on modalities may be supplemented by India by having wider and deeper partnerships with countries that can work across third countries.

In this backdrop, under the modalities of engagement, India has to refocus on LoCs as an instrument of engagement. India was largely borrowing from global capital markets and providing the resources to the partner countries at a concessional rate of interest. The difference in the rates of interest was being absorbed by the Government of India. With a rising global liquidity crisis, such schemes have lost their relevance as capital market predictability and the repaying capabilities of partner countries have become severely constrained. India should take full advantage of this new reality.

Shrinking ODA and debt crisis

The traditional official development assistance (ODA) providers are going through their own budgetary crisis while the partners of the Global South have challenges in coping with the debt crisis. With rising geopolitical complexities, the flow of global development finance in any case is witnessing a profound decline. The collapse of USAID and the decline of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) have highlighted the emerging crisis in development finance. The availability and leveraging of resources have been hampered further by the declining trend in ODA, which is likely to be close to $97 billion. This proposed slashing of foreign aid is a near 45% reduction from the levels of ODA in 2023, which stood at around $214 billion. At the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), its Development Assistance Committee (DAC) has been an elite club for ODA providers, dictating the terms and conditions for the economic and political programmes for the South.

> With geopolitical complexities affecting global development finance, a solution lies in evolving a mechanism of pooling resources with like-minded countries

Shrinkage in the resource flow is likely to affect several development programmes, across least developed economies, particularly at a time when several of them are passing through an unprecedented debt crisis. Over the last 20 years, a series of overlapping crises and major geopolitical and economic transformations have reshaped the global financial environment, leaving many developing countries struggling to access funding. This has posed a risk to development progress at risk and jeopardised achievements.

The investment needed to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) by 2030 has also surged from $2.5 trillion in 2015 to over $4 trillion in 2024. Without a major increase in financing, progress toward the SDGs (already derailed by the COVID-19 pandemic and other global shocks) will remain elusive. Simultaneously, borrowing has become costlier and less predictable.

Rationale for triangular cooperation

A ray of hope lies in the possibility of evolving a new mechanism of pooling resources with like-minded countries. The flows from the 19 non-DAC countries that report to the OECD rose from $1.1 billion in 2000 to $17.7 billion in 2022. Some of these countries such as Indonesia and Brazil have evolved a rich global experience with Japan and Germany of working in third countries. Japan and Indonesia have worked together in several Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) economies to implement development projects. Similarly, Germany and Brazil have worked together in Mozambique in multiple development areas. Triangular Cooperation (TrC) has emerged as a powerful mechanism to bridge the divide between the Global North and the Global South.

The beauty of the TrC is that it brings together a traditional donor from the Global North, a pivotal country from the Global South, and a partner country (often from the Global South), creating inclusive platforms for shared learning, mutual respect and the co-creation of solutions tailored to local needs. Comprehensive TrC data is still being compiled at the global stage. However, the efficacy and the success of the model has been well established. Some preliminary data collection suggests TrC to be between $670 million to $1.1 billion.

Partnerships with results

The TrC has shown that addressing physical infrastructure can advance social progress. For instance, improving regional energy grids expands digital connectivity and provides access to opportunities in education and health. In this context, in 2022, Germany and India signed a Joint Declaration of Intent on the implementation of TrC projects in third countries (during the sixth India-Germany Inter-Governmental Consultations), with a focus on Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Since then, TrC projects are being implemented in several countries which include Cameroon, Ghana and Malawi in Africa, and in Peru in Latin America.

These offer clear examples as to how to rephase global development finance in a manner that ensures assured and efficacious outcomes in a cost-effective manner. Engagement in TrC was further emphasised during India's G-20 presidency, with expanded collaborations involving countries such as Germany, the United States, the United Kingdom, the European Union, and France. These partnerships span a variety of sectors and modalities, from grant-based projects to investment-driven initiatives such as the Global Innovation Partnership (GIP) with the U.K. These efforts illustrate how leveraging technical, financial, and human resources can deliver results in third countries.

The views expressed are personal

Integrating compassion, prioritising palliative care

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In India, millions endure unnecessary suffering, making it imperative to integrate palliative care into its health-care system. Palliative care plays a crucial role in providing comfort and ensuring dignity to those navigating terminal conditions. Despite its proven impact, palliative care remains critically underfunded and underutilised in India, leaving millions without the support that they desperately need.

Palliative care, which is a form of specialised care addressing a person's physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs, remains a critical, yet underappreciated, component of health care. Unlike curative treatment that is aimed at eradicating disease, palliative care focuses on alleviating pain, reducing suffering, and improving quality of life – for patients and their families.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), an estimated 40 million people globally require palliative care each year, with 78% of them living in low and middle-income countries. However, only 14% of those in need receive such care. In India, where an estimated seven million to 10 million people require palliative care annually, only 1%-2% have access to it. This gap underscores the urgency for systemic intervention and policy prioritisation.

The demand for palliative care is increasing constantly due to the global rise in non-communicable diseases such as cancer, diabetes and chronic respiratory conditions. India's health-care system, which is already strained, faces increasing pressure, making it essential to integrate palliative care to reduce unnecessary hospitalisations and ease the emotional and financial burden on families.

The challenges in India

The inclusion of palliative care in the National Health Policy of 2017 in India marked a pivotal step in addressing the gap. Subsequent efforts in capacity building, community outreach and collaboration with global organisations have fostered growth in this field. However, even today, access remains uneven, especially in rural areas, and primarily among economically disadvantaged populations. Each year, approximately 7.2 million Indians need palliative care, yet systemic inefficiencies hinder its effective delivery.

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One of the primary barriers is the shortage of trained professionals. Many doctors lack specialised training in palliative care, limiting their ability to provide comprehensive pain management and end-of-life care. While India's doctor-population ratio of 1:834, surpasses the WHO recommended norm of 1:1000, the availability of medical practitioners specialising in palliative care is disproportionately low.

Limited funding and lack of proper infrastructure further exacerbate the challenges. While palliative care is included in the primary health sector, its integration into tertiary care remains incomplete. Additionally, public awareness of palliative care remains limited, leading to misconceptions and late-stage access to these critical services.

Linking it with medical education

Strengthening the capacity of doctors to deliver this care, particularly in underserved regions, is imperative. In order to equip medical professionals with the skills and the empathy required to address end-of-life care, integrating palliative care into the core MBBS curriculum is crucial. The projects on pain and palliative care by the Indian Council of Medical Research and the All India Institute of Medical Sciences exemplify gradual progress in this area.

Given the limited availability of palliative care specialists, task-shifting (delegating responsibilities to trained allied health-care workers) emerges as a viable solution.

India has a huge base of 34.33 lakh registered nursing personnel and 13 lakh allied health-care professionals. Empowering this workforce through targeted training can help bridge the gap, ensuring holistic care, particularly in rural areas and underserved regions.

Policymakers must recognise the long-term benefits of investing in palliative care, from improving patient outcomes to reducing the overall burden on the health-care system. Governments should allocate dedicated funding for palliative care programmes, ensuring that public and private health-care facilities are equipped with the necessary infrastructure.

Insurance schemes such as Ayushman Bharat should expand coverage to include palliative care, making these services more financially accessible to patients and families. Partnerships with non-governmental organisations and private institutions can also accelerate the expansion of these facilities.

Raising public awareness

Public awareness campaigns can demystify palliative care and encourage early access to services. Many patients and families are unaware that palliative care extends beyond end-of-life support and includes pain management, psychological support, and improved quality of life at any stage of a serious illness. Educating communities about these benefits can drive demand and policy changes.

The United States has a well-established palliative care system that is driven by robust funding mechanisms, insurance coverage, and hospice care models. Most importantly, in the U.S., there is an emphasis on end-of-life care, which involves substantial and progressively rising health-care expenditures – an indication of how robust funding and insurance systems support comprehensive, patient-centered care, offering a model that India can learn from while balancing costs and dignity.

India can study and adapt these practices while considering its unique cultural, demographic and economic context. Continuous research and the adoption of evidence-based practices are essential for improving care delivery and patient outcomes.

Integrating palliative care into India's health-care framework has become inevitable. A multi-pronged approach of prioritising capacity building, embedding palliative care in medical education, empowering allied health professionals, and addressing systemic challenges can transform the landscape of end-of-life care in the country.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Safety is a forgotten word

Back-to-back fire explosions, in a pharmaceutical unit near Hyderabad and in a cracker unit near Sivakasi, pose a common question. Were these premises constructed to manufacture pharmaceuticals and firecrackers, respectively, or were the constructions improvised or converted to suit the requirements? Explosions in cracker units seem to be recurring accidents.

V. Lakshmanan,
Tirupur, Tamil Nadu

The government departments concerned must inspect factory premises at frequent intervals. Any non-compliance with safety rules should result in heavy fines and even the suspension of operations. The focus seems to be on making profits using cheap labour and curtailing expenditure on safety. India needs to follow standard operating procedures when it comes to safety — as it is in the developed world.

K. Chellappan,
Seattle, U.S.

There is hardly any information on whether precautionary and safety measures were in effect at the sites in Telangana and Tamil Nadu. The victims hailed from the lower strata of society. When will India start to value its human resources?

C.G. Kuriakose,
Kothamangalam, Kerala

The accident in Tamil Nadu, just a day after an explosion at a plant in Telangana, exemplifies the bitter reality — of unending compromises made by industrial and commercial enterprises in the country in ensuring a safe workplace for millions of workers. That a majority of them are unorganised, with no say in the matter, and are struggling to survive, makes it even sadder. All directives about improving safety appear to evaporate as quickly as the ink used to print them.

Kamal Laddha,
Bengaluru

Interrogation and training

That abhorrent incidents such as custodial torture and death continue to occur in this digital era, when there is significant awareness of human rights among various sections of society, are a matter of serious concern. No law permits the adoption of third degree methods or high-handedness in respect of an investigation by the law enforcement agency in a civilised society. What one can infer from the case of custodial torture in Sivaganga, Tamil Nadu, is the lack of interactions, guidance and motivation by the supervisory-level officials . All the ranks need to be exposed to the nuances of law and order and scientific methods of investigation through sensitisation, refresher courses and workshops and seminars at regular intervals. The process of interrogation should be transparent and undertaken under the personal supervision of higher officials.

V. Johan Dhanakumar,
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AI in India: strategy must precede mission

India has declared its ambition to be a global leader in Artificial Intelligence (AI) governance. As the world's largest democracy and a tech-savvy nation, it is well-positioned to champion an inclusive and human-centric approach to AI. But this aspiration risks being undermined by the absence of a comprehensive, democratically anchored national AI strategy.

India's current AI initiatives centre on the IndiaAI Mission, led by a bureaucrat and housed as an independent unit within a Section 8 company under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. The Mission cannot substitute for a national strategy. Missions are vehicles for executing priorities, but only after priorities have been clearly defined.

In India's approach to AI, fundamental questions remain unresolved. What are our national priorities? Which governance values should guide us? How should institutions be structured? Moving forward without answering these questions poses two risks: it may compromise India's ability to lead and maintain strategic autonomy; and it may embed an AI governance model that is technocratic, opaque, and lacking democratic legitimacy.

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The many risks

This is not an abstract concern. Several pressing risks are already visible. AI technologies are becoming increasingly embedded in India's defence, intelligence, and critical infrastructure systems. Recent developments – military conflict, weaponisation of financial infrastructure, strategic technology competition – have demonstrated how technological dependencies can be leveraged to achieve geopolitical objectives. Without an indigenous, coordinated AI strategy, India faces the risk of strategic dependencies on foreign technologies. Safeguarding India's strategic autonomy requires developing a whole-of-government AI strategy aligned with national security priorities and focused on building resilient, sovereign capabilities.

Data is the raw material of AI. As India builds public data platforms, how this data is curated, accessed, and governed will shape innovation and market power. Without transparent, democratically debated data governance frameworks, these ecosystems risk reinforcing corporate concentration and undermining public trust.

Nowhere is the governance gap clearer than in employment. Automation is already transforming India's labour market. In 2024 alone, India's top three IT services firms – TCS, Infosys, and Wipro – shed nearly 65,000 jobs. The International Monetary Fund estimates that 26% of India's workforce is exposed to generative AI, with 12% at risk of displacement. Despite this, national AI initiatives do not sufficiently address employment transition, workforce planning, or social protections. The absence of structured input from labour economists, civil society, and workforce experts has limited the ambit of deliberation to technocratic concerns. Addressing these gaps will help ensure that AI adoption supports economic resilience and social stability.

AI is extraordinarily energy-hungry. The International Energy Agency projects that global data centre electricity demand will double by 2030. This poses challenges for India. Eleven of India's 20 largest cities face acute water stress. Groundwater levels are rapidly declining in Bengaluru and Hyderabad – both emerging AI and data centre hubs. Yet policy discussions on AI in India have scarcely addressed the energy implications of scaling AI.

AI will profoundly reshape work, education, and the social contract. It will determine which skills are valued, influence how citizens are trained, and shape who benefits from economic gains. These shifts cannot be left to market forces or technical experts. They demand national dialogue involving industry leaders, parliamentarians, educators, civil society, and labour representatives, to chart a just and equitable path forward.

As AI gets integrated in sensitive domains – healthcare, policing, welfare – the risks of bias, discrimination, and lost accountability grow. Without clear regulatory frameworks, public trust in AI governance may erode.

India has rightly positioned itself as a voice for the Global South in international AI governance forums, notably through its leadership in the Global Partnership on AI. But global credibility depends on coherence at home. Without a transparent, democratically grounded national strategy, India's ability to shape global AI norms will remain constrained.

Strategy must precede mission. Harnessing AI for national leadership and public good requires proactive, strategic, and coordinated governance. Managing this transition demands inclusive, forward-looking, and democratically accountable governance anchored in a national strategy shaped through open public deliberation.

What is the path forward?

First, India needs to publish a Cabinet-endorsed national AI strategy and present it to Parliament. Second, it must constitute a dedicated Standing Committee on AI and Emerging Technologies in Parliament to oversee executive initiatives, ethical risks, and public consultations. Third, it needs to commission a national impact study on AI-driven employment disruption, particularly in entry-level white-collar roles, with granular data on sectors, demographics, and regions.

Taking the time to build democratic consensus and institutional architecture is a difficult road to take, but it will make India a genuine AI leader.

Without a transparent, democratically grounded national strategy on AI, India's ability to shape global AI norms will remain constrained

Deaths in the sanctuary

Death of tigers leaves environmentalists alarmed, raising conservation concerns

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The recent death of an adult tigress and its four cubs – due to poisoning at the Male Mahadeshwara Hills (MM Hills) Wildlife Sanctuary in Karnataka – has not only shocked conservationists but has raised pertinent questions on the wildlife protection machinery and environmental governance prevailing in the State.

In the immediate aftermath of the preliminary investigation, three people were arrested and a few officials were sent on leave – actions aimed at conveying the administration's resolve to act decisively.

Besides, two investigations are currently under way, one by the Karnataka Forest Department and another by a committee constituted by the National Tiger Conservation Authority. Both committees have been given 14 days time to submit their reports.

It is being argued that they should not only investigate the immediate lapses that led to the tiger deaths, but also take a broader view of the systemic and administrative issues that resulted in such a tragedy, which is reflective of a deeper malaise within the department.

Multiple concerns need to be addressed, including whether there was a larger network of poachers at work, shortage of manpower for protection duties, delay in release of wages to the frontline staff, which may impact jungle patrolling, delay in release of compensation to the victims in case of conflict with wildlife, among others.

Experts also point to another gaping flaw in the system: it

is the failure to secure the conviction of those responsible for killing wild animals. The conviction rates are so poor that the law does not act as a deterrent anymore to prevent "revenge killings" or even poaching.

For instance, in February 2023, a tiger was found poisoned, its limbs tethered to a stone and its body dumped in a tank in Bandipur. However, more than two years later, the case has seen no progress. In fact, elephant deaths due to electrocution in Karnataka are more rampant than tiger deaths.

According to official statistics, of the 291 elephants that died in the State between 2021-22 and August 2024, as many as 30 were electrocuted and six were poached. Reports of wild animals being trapped in snares have emerged from the MM Hills, Bandipur, Nagarahole, and other regions in recent times. Yet, in most cases, authorities have hit a dead end and have made little progress to result in convictions.

It is true that human-animal conflict is intensifying across Karnataka, with crop depredation by elephants and livestock killings by tigers or leopards on the rise. But these conflicts have also been exacerbated by flawed policies – delays in compensation being a clear indicator.

According to statistics from the Karnataka Forest Department, 35,580 conflict cases were reported during 2024-25. Compensation was approved in only 20,147 cases, while 14,245 cases remained pending. In addition, 918 cases were denied compensation.

Karnataka takes pride in its tiger and elephant populations as markers of the success of conservation initiatives. With an estimated 563 tigers, according to the 2022 census, Karnataka also harbours nearly 6,400 elephants as per 2023 data, the highest in the country. But conservation cannot be about numbers alone while ignoring the inherent contradictions in policies that undermine the environmental gains.

The reversal in the government's stance on Goa-Tamnar power transmission line that cuts through Kali Tiger Reserve – a project which the forest department had rejected in 2024; the Sharavathi storage project which threatens to fragment the Western Ghats ecosystem, clearances to mini hydel projects in sensitive areas, linear projects cutting through areas where human-wildlife conflict is high are a few examples that cast doubt on the State's commitment to environmental protection.

This is because such projects inevitably lead to habitat encroachment, fragmentation, and disturbance, forcing wildlife to stray into human landscapes, aggravating conflict situations. The deaths of five tigers in the MM Hills should be viewed against the backdrop of such policy inconsistencies, which reflect a deeper malaise in environmental governance.

Now that committees are probing the incident, it remains to be seen whether they will merely assign blame or work to fix the system.

Custodial deaths: police convictions remain zero in T.N. and beyond

Dalits are disproportionately targeted for police brutality in Tamil Nadu

DATA POINT

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"Even a murderer would not have caused this much injury to a person", observed the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court on Tuesday during the hearing of a batch of Public Interest Litigation petitions over the custodial death of Ajith Kumar, a security guard who died in police custody in Sivaganga district last Saturday.

Kumar's death is not an isolated incident but part of a broader picture in Tamil Nadu and even in the rest of the country. The pattern is clear: a significant number of custodial deaths take place, of which a considerable number of them are reported, a few of the policemen are arrested, and none of them are convicted. Kumar's death is definitely not the first instance to spark public outrage in Tamil Nadu. The Ambasamudram custodial torture in 2023 and the Sathankulam custodial torture case that led to the death of a father-son duo in 2020 are still fresh in memory.

Data show that Tamil Nadu has a long history of police brutality. According to data from Parliament, 490 deaths were reported while suspects were in judicial or police custody between 2016-17 and 2021-22 (up to March 31, 2022), as shown in **Map 1.**

In the past six years, Uttar Pradesh reported the highest number of fatalities (2,630) in judicial/police custody among all the States, while Tamil Nadu reported the highest number among the southern States. In total, 11,656 deaths were recorded in India in the period considered. It is important to note, though, that not all custody deaths are due to police excess.

While the five constables involved in Kumar's death were arrested, data show that no police officer has been convicted for custodial deaths between 2017 and 2022. Not just in Tamil Nadu, but across India, no police officer has been held accountable for such deaths in this period.

In India, 345 magisterial/judicial enquiries were ordered into the deaths of persons in police custody/lockup between 2017 and 2022 (**Chart 2**). And in these five years, 123 policemen were even arrested while such deaths were investigated. Moreover, over 79 were also chargesheeted. However, not a single policeman was convicted.

Data also show that convictions of State police personnel have been rare, not just in the case of custodial deaths, but also in any human rights violations case.

Chart 3 shows that 74 cases of human rights violations related to illegal detention, deaths in custody, and torture/causing hurt/injury were filed against police in India between 2017 and 2022. Forty-one police personnel were chargesheeted. However, only three were convicted.

Importantly, policemen arrested for human rights violations is disproportionately low compared to the actual cases. Those convicted form a negligible share of those few arrested.

Worryingly, those belonging to Scheduled Castes (SCs) often bear the brunt of custodial torture in Tamil Nadu. A disproportionately higher share of detenues – persons held lawfully in custody under preventive detention laws, distinct from regular suspects charged with specific crimes – in Tamil Nadu belong to the SCs. In 2022, 38.5% of the detenues in Tamil Nadu were SC, while the community's share in the State's population was 20% (**Table 4**). This problem is mostly unique to Tamil Nadu and as can be seen from the table, the State police also take in a much higher number of people in detention. As on December 31, 2022, Tamil Nadu had 2,129 detenues – almost half of India's number.

No accountability for custodial deaths

The data for the charts were sourced from the National Crime Records Bureau, the Parliament Questions and Answers, and the 2011 Census

Map 1: Deaths reported while suspects were in judicial or police custody between 2016-17 to 2021-22 (upto 31.03.2022)

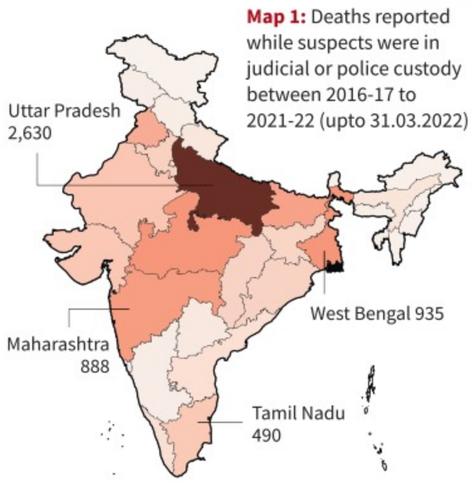
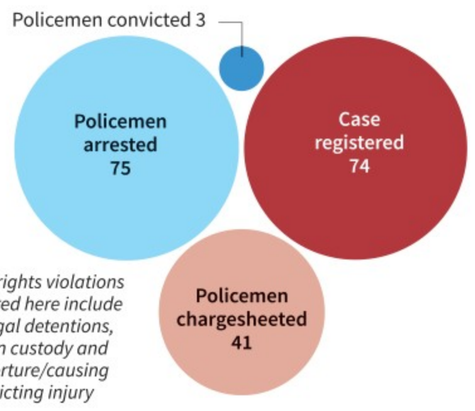


Chart 3: Cases registered against police personnel for select human rights violations filed between 2017-2022 in India



Human rights violations considered here include only illegal detentions, deaths in custody and police torture/causing hurt/inflicting injury

Chart 2: The magisterial/judicial enquiries ordered into the deaths in police custody/lock up, policemen chargesheeted/arrested/convicted (2017-2022)

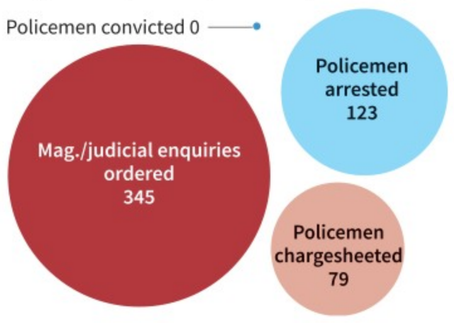


Table 4: The share of SC in detenues among States with a high number of detenues as on December 31, 2022

State/U.T.	Total detenues	% of SC in detenues	% of SC in total population
Tamil Nadu	2,129	38.5	20.01
J&K U.T.	546	1.1	7.38
Gujarat	334	9.6	6.74
Haryana	235	1.3	20.17
Uttar Pradesh	172	7.6	20.7

Tamil Nadu had 2,129 detenues — almost half of India's number

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO JULY 3, 1975

60 p.c. of Foreign Doctors fail in tests by council

London, July 2: Sixty percent of the foreign doctors who took Britain's first tests in English and clinical knowledge have failed, the General Medical Council (GMC) announced yesterday.

Dr. Abdul Sayeed, Chairman of the Overseas Doctors Association, criticised the examinations and said he was not surprised that so many candidates had failed.

Only 27 out of 68 doctors passed the two-day tests held in Edinburgh last week. Dr. Sayeed remarked, "The question paper was such that many doctors could not understand it."

The candidates came from 70 countries whose citizens are eligible for the tests.

Doctors from Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and the West Indies are not required to sit for the examinations because their degrees are recognised in the UK. However, this year's graduates from India, Pakistan, and non-Commonwealth nations must undergo the tests.

The two-day assessments evaluated an applicant's ability to understand colloquial expressions that might arise in a doctor's office, in addition to testing their clinical knowledge.

Dr. Sayeed commented, "On the multiple-choice question, many doctors spent 20 minutes deciphering it because it was very bizarre and badly produced."

They were asked how they would cope with a pregnant woman with an infectious disease who had been in a road crash, and what they would tell the woman's mother-in-law. "It is not the sort of situation that a medical practitioner is likely to encounter very often," Dr. Sayeed said.

"All these put together in one question was a bit too much. The doctors were not expecting that type of question."

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JULY 3, 1925

Centenary celebrations.

London, July 2: The Duke and Duchess of York attended the Railway Centenary Celebrations at Darlington where a quarter million people witnessed the six-mile long procession of locomotives and rolling-stock showing the various stages of evolution from old "Puffing Billy" and "Dandy Coach" to the latest high-speed mammoth engines and luxurious carriages and restaurant saloons.

From Page One

BRICS will help create a 'multipolar' world: Modi

From Ghana, Mr. Modi will fly to Trinidad and Tobago where he will be hosted by Prime Minister Kamla Persad Bissessar. Trinidad and Tobago President Christine Carla Kangaloo was the chief guest at this year's Pravasi Bharatiya Divas programme held in Bhubaneswar.

"This visit will provide an opportunity to rejuvenate the special bonds of ancestry and kinship that unite us," said Mr. Modi, adding that 2025 marks the 180th anniversary of arrival of Indian indentured labourers to Trinidad and Tobago. The Government of Trinidad and Tobago has announced that Mr. Modi will be conferred with the Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the highest State honour of the Caribbean nation.

Following the BRICS summit, Mr. Modi will proceed to Brasilia for a State visit.

On the way back home, Mr. Modi will stop at Namibia, which has a long history of struggle for decolonisation that India supported. Mr. Modi will meet President Netumbo Nandi Ndaitwah and address the Joint Session of Namibian Parliament.

"I am confident that my visits to the five countries will reinforce our bonds of friendship across the Global South...," said Mr. Modi.

'Bring Pahalgam attack's perpetrators to justice'

The reference to "relevant" authorities, not "Indian authorities" in the statement was also made in the UNSCR passed in April, after the attack.

The four Ministers had held a meeting in Washington after attending the inauguration of U.S. President Donald Trump in January. However, this is the first formal Quad FMM since the Trump administration took over.

Sharper geographical focus

In a significant departure from previous Quad Foreign Ministers' statements, most notably under the previous U.S. administration under Joe Biden, the latest joint statement dropped references to the Russia-Ukraine war and the Israel-Gaza conflict, indicating a more narrow geographical focus than before, with greater emphasis on the Indo-Pacific region.

The Ministers said they had agreed on a "new agenda" to focus on four key areas – maritime security; economic prosperity and security; critical and emerging technologies; and humanitarian assistance and disaster response. "Through this renewed focus, we will sharpen the Quad's ability to leverage our resources to address the region's most pressing challenges," the statement said.

Special cells to reopen militancy victim cases

The Lieutenant-Governor also directed the Deputy Commissioners and Senior Superintendents of Police to take immediate measures to free properties of the families of terror victims and land grabbed by terrorists or their sympathisers.

"Identify those elements from the terror ecosystem who were involved in killing of common Kashmiris and are currently working in government departments. Financial assistance under MUDRA and handholding must be extended to the terror victim family members who want to start their self-employment venture," the Lieutenant-Governor told officials.

Kashmir opens arms to first batch of pilgrims

To deter "any inimical elements from entering the yatra route", officials said checkpoints equipped with facial recognition systems have been set up at the entry point of Pahalgam. The systems are connected to a database of militants and their alleged supporters in the Valley.

Also, the twin routes of the yatra – Pahalgam-Chandanwari-Pissu Top-Sheshnag-Panchtarni-Holy Cave and the Baltal-Domail-Barari-Holy Cave – were designated as no-fly zones.

Officials said the feeder routes connecting small villages and towns with the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway have also been put under security scanner. Hundreds of bunkers and pickets have been set up along the highway in the Kashmir Valley. Around 480 additional companies of paramilitary forces have been mobilised.

Director-General of Police Nalin Prabhat, who greeted pilgrims on their arrival, exhorted police officers "to ensure peaceful conduct of the yatra". He also directed them to take proactive measures, strengthen preparedness against potential threats, and underlined the need to put focus on law and order management on the Pahalgam axis.

Enthusiastic devotees expressed satisfaction over the security measures put in place for the yatra. "For years, we were eager to visit the shrine of Baba Barfani. We hope to proceed for the yatra tomorrow. We are satisfied with the security and services. We feel safe here," Jyotika Solanki, a devotee from Gujarat's Baroda, said.

J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah extended his "heartfelt wishes to all devotees embarking on the sacred journey". "May you (pilgrims) all be blessed with strength, safety and divine grace as you undertake this sacred journey," he said.

SC permits developer to swap attached property

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has allowed real estate developer M3M India Pvt. Ltd. to substitute a property attached provisionally by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) with unencumbered marketable assets to facilitate resumption of commercial projects.

The move seemed to balance the State's interest in the strict implementation of the law and allowing business continuity.

A Bench headed by Justice P.S. Narasimha, however, made it clear that the recent order allowing the substitution was passed "in the facts and circumstances of the case and shall not be treated as a precedent".

The order came on a petition filed by M3M seeking substitution of the properties attached by the ED under a provisional attachment order in July last year. It had proposed several unsold commercial units located in Haryana as property for the substitution.

The ED had engaged the services of a valuator and assessed the total fair market value of commercial units offered for substitution to be ₹317 crore.

SC to hear Uddhav's petition on July 14 to use 'Shiv Sena' name, symbol for local polls

Maharashtra Deputy CM Eknath Shinde and his group must be restrained from using party name, the reserved symbol and party flag, says Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray's counsel

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Uddhav Thackeray asked the Supreme Court on Wednesday to urgently hear an application to let his faction use the party name 'Shiv Sena' with its reserved symbol of 'bow and arrow' and the 'saffron flag with two horizontal conical ends' with the emblem of 'roaring tiger' for the forthcoming Maharashtra local body elections.

Making an urgent oral mentioning before a Vacation Bench of Justices M.M. Sundresh and Vinod Chandran, senior advocate Devadatt Kamat, for Mr. Thackeray, said Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and his group must be restrained from using the party name, the reserved symbol and the flag with the emblem.

Uddhav Thackeray had challenged the poll body's decision to allot the party name to Eknath Shinde's faction in 2023. FILE PHOTO

'Pious' markings

Mr. Kamat submitted that voters in the State consider these emblems as the "pious" markings of the 'original Shiv Sena' party.

"The symbols 'bow and arrow', 'saffron-coloured flag' and the 'roaring tiger' are the very identity of the original Shiv Sena party from 1985... Shiv Sena in its original form has been consistently elected by voters," the application by Mr. Thackeray said.

After Mr. Shinde and a group of his loyalists broke away from the undivided party then led by Mr. Thackeray, the Election Commission of India (EC) had ruled in his favour and allotted the name 'Shiv Sena' and the party's reserved symbol to his faction in February 2023.

Mr. Thackeray had challenged the EC's decision and the case has been pending in the top court for two years.

On Wednesday, Mr. Thackeray's application urged the top court to direct the EC to allot a different party name and symbol to Mr. Shinde's group for the upcoming elections to 27 municipal corporations, 232 municipal councils and 125 nagar panchayats in Maharashtra.

Mr. Kamat even suggested an alternative.

He referred to how the top court had intervened in the case of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), by allowing the breakaway faction of Ajit Pawar to use the party's original 'clock' symbol, provided that they issued a public notice.

The notice, widely circulated in the media, must clarify that the dispute over the EC's allocation of the symbol to Mr. Ajit Pawar was still *sub judice* in the Supreme Court.

The senior counsel said the court could come up with an identical order in the case of the Shiv Sena too for the local body elections. The counsel for Mr. Shinde's side said elections to both the Lok Sabha and the Assembly were held with no such changes.

The top court had declined to entertain a similar request from Mr. Thackeray's camp earlier on May 7, he countered.

The Vacation Bench listed the case for July 14.

Khalistani separatist's kin in U.K. seek inquest

The Hindu Bureau
LONDON

The family of Avtar Singh Khanda, a Khalistani separatist who died of acute leukaemia in June 2023, has repeated its request for an inquest into the death, according to a report in *The Guardian*. He had been accused of being part of the protests outside the Indian High Commission in March 2023. Mr. Khanda had applied for asylum in the U.K. in 2016.

The Guardian report said that Michael Polak, a lawyer for the deceased's family, had written to West Midlands coroner Louise Hunt, saying samples were not tested for "nerve agents, biological agents or nuclear agents", which could have induced an aggressive form of cancer.

Mr. Polak had included in his letter a copy of the report from a forensic pathologist hired by lawyers for the Khanda family, which had said that while the initial toxicology reports did not reveal anything unusual, it could not rule out poisoning, especially by means of "exotic substances".

Friends and family of Mr. Khanda deny he was part of the March 2023 protests.

Congress leaders involved in fake transactions in *National Herald* case, ED tells court

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Agency says party leaders were looking to usurp assets worth ₹2,000 crore of the newspaper

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday submitted in a Delhi court that the Congress wanted to usurp around ₹2,000 crore assets of the now-defunct *National Herald* newspaper.

The Central agency probing a money laundering case in the matter added that several Congress leaders were involved in 'fake transactions' made to Associated Journals Limited (AJL), the publisher of the paper. The submissions were made in the court of Special Judge Vishal Gogne of the Rouse Avenue Court who started hearing arguments on cognisance of the ED's prosecution complaint in the case in which Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi, and party leader Sam Pitroda, among others, are accused.

Additional Solicitor General S.V. Raju, representing the ED, submitted that Ms. Gandhi and her son, Mr. Gandhi, acquired complete ownership of AJL by paying a mere sum of ₹50 lakh. He added that the newspaper has a real estate value of more than ₹2,000 crore and has properties in Delhi, Lucknow, Bhopal, Indore, Panchkula, Patna, etc. The ED claimed that the properties owned by the AJL were provided by the Union government and various State governments for newspaper printing and publishing after Independence.

The ED's counsel also submitted that close associates of the Gandhi family were appointed as directors of AJL and they had done 'fake transactions' to funnel money.

The agency had filed the prosecution complaint in the matter on April 15. The hearing will continue on Thursday as well.

The case stems from the assignment of a ₹90 crore loan advanced by the Congress to AJL, to Young Indian for a consideration of ₹50 lakh. It has been alleged that there was misappropriation of assets of over ₹2,000 crore in an equity transaction.

Kolkata Police transfer law college gang rape case from SIT to Detective Department

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KOLKATA

The Detective Department of the Kolkata Police is set to take over the investigation into the South Calcutta Law College rape case, a high-ranking police official said.

Earlier, a nine-member Special Investigation Team (SIT) was probing the case.

New sections added

Additionally, the Kolkata Police have added new sections of law to the case, including those of kidnapping, causing grievous hurt with a dangerous weapon, and criminal intimidation.

The victim, a student of the college, was allegedly gang-raped in the guard room on the campus on June 25. A former student, Monojit Mishra, two students of the college, Pramit Mukherjee, and Zaib Ahmed, and a guard on duty, Pinaki Banerjee, were arrested by the police in the case.

BJP members march in a protest rally in Kolkata on Wednesday demanding accountability for the crime. DEBASISH BHADURI

A first information report (FIR) was filed on charges of gang rape and wrongful confinement against the three key accused.

Kolkata Commissioner of Police Manoj Kumar Verma had said that a "lot of evidence had been collected and is currently being analysed".

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) carried out protest marches in Kolkata on Wednesday against the incident. Protest rallies were also held by the Students Federation of India.

Monsoon session from July 21 to August 21

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The government on Wednesday said the Monsoon session of Parliament will begin on July 21 and continue till August 21, a week longer than planned earlier, signalling a heavy legislative agenda.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said President Droupadi Murmu had approved the government's proposal to convene the session from July 21 to August 21.

"In view of Independence Day celebrations, there will be no sittings on the 13th and 14th of August," Mr. Rijiju said in a post on X. Earlier, the session was to conclude on August 12, but now it has been extended by a week.

Toll rises to 11 in Mandi district as rain, flash floods batter Himachal Pradesh

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

At least 11 people have died in separate incidents of cloudburst and flash floods triggered by a heavy spell of rain in Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh between the intervening night of June 30 and July 1, even as the rescue and search operations continued on a war footing. At least 40 people are missing across the State in which 34 are in Mandi district alone, which has been among the worst hit, a government report said.

The relentless monsoon has brought the hill State to its knees as several rivers and rivulets are in spate, disrupting normal life, even as many as 16 incidents of cloudburst, three flash floods and one major landslip have occurred across the State.

Nature's fury: A view of the swollen Beas river after a cloudburst at Thunag in Mandi district, Himachal Pradesh on Wednesday. ANI

Since June 20, following the onset of the monsoon in Himachal Pradesh, at least 28 people have lost their lives in rain-related incidents, which include flash floods, cloudbursts, drowning, and electrocution, till Wednesday, according to the State's emergency response centre.

Mandi, Chamba, Hamirpur, Kinnaur, Kullu, and Shimla districts have been badly affected. Considerable damage to life and property has been reported from these places. The rains have damaged several roads, including national and State highways, bridges, vehicles, and various kinds of buildings, causing losses of crores of rupees.

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu visited the disaster-hit Syathi village in Mandi, where he met and interacted with families, assuring them that the government would extend all possible assistance.

11 river stations hit warning level

NEW DELHI

Water levels at 11 river monitoring stations in India have breached the warning level, but none have reached the danger flood thresholds, the Central Water Commission said on Wednesday. The CWC said none of the river stations have reached their previous highest flood levels. PTI

Three Kanwar Yatra pilgrims killed as truck falls into gorge

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A truck ferrying *kanwariyas* (pilgrims who undertake Kanwar Yatra) overturned in Tehri district of Uttarakhand on Wednesday, leaving three dead and 18 injured.

A group of over 60 *kanwariyas*, from Bulandshahr district of Uttar Pradesh, were going towards Uttarkashi district to set up a Kanwar camp near Gangotri and Yamunotri temples, said police.

They managed to save a four-year-old child trapped in the truck while three pilgrims – Vicky, Sunil Saini and Sanja – were declared dead at the hospital.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami condoled the deaths of the pilgrims.

Bihar electoral roll revision will affect two crore voters: INDIA bloc leaders

Leaders from 11 Opposition parties meet EC to convey their objections regarding the exercise ahead of the Bihar Assembly election; Singhvi says delegation raised concerns about the necessity, timing, and feasibility of the revision exercise; he also questions why Aadhaar has been 'abandoned'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls currently under way in Bihar could disenfranchise at least two crore voters in the State, especially the migrant population, a delegation of leaders from the Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance said on Wednesday.

The comments came after a nearly three-hour-long meeting with the Election Commission.

Twenty leaders from 11 INDIA bloc parties met the poll body to convey their objections regarding the SIR exercise ahead of the Bihar Assembly election. Drawing a parallel with the 2016 demonetisation exercise, which was colloquially referred to as *notebandi*, the Opposition termed the revision "*votebandi*".

Raising concerns: Congress MP Abhishek Manu Singhvi and other leaders of the INDIA bloc addressing the media after meeting the Election Commission officials in New Delhi on Wednesday. PTI

Citing the EC's own estimate that at least 20% of Bihar's population comprises migrant workers, they expressed fears that such individuals could be arbitrarily removed from the rolls.

Speaking at a press conference after the meeting, Congress leader and senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi said the delegation raised three primary concerns: the necessity, timing, and feasibility of the revision exercise.

"Firstly, we asked if the last revision was in 2003, for 22 years, four or five Bihar Assembly polls have happened – were all those elections faulty and imperfect?" Mr. Singhvi said. He pointed out that the 2003 revision was held well in advance of national and State elections.

"In contrast, this revision, which affects the second largest electorate in the country with over eight crore voters, is being carried out in just two months," he said. "We believe that migratory persons, who travel to work, cannot be at the beck and call of the enumerator."

'Grave attack'

Mr. Singhvi further stated that "disenfranchisement" is the gravest attack on the Constitution's basic structure. "We have said that upwards of 2.5 or three crore persons – let us assume the minimum two crore – may be disenfranchised by this exercise. Why choose to do this at the cusp of the elections?" he asked.

Mr. Singhvi also questioned why the EC had "jettisoned and abandoned" the Aadhaar card, which has previously been used to confirm voter identities. He raised concerns over the lack of transparency, noting that parties were not informed in advance about the revision. "The EC seems completely disinclined to consider our submissions," he said.

RJD leader Manoj Jha described the meeting as "less than amicable". " The purpose of this exercise is exclusion rather than inclusion," Mr. Jha said.

Responding to the Opposition's concerns, the poll body said the SIR was being conducted in accordance with Article 326 of the Constitution, the Representation of the People Act, 1950, and the instructions issued on June 24. It maintained that each concern raised during the meet was addressed in full.

NDA has broken old image of 'jungle raj' in Bihar, says Rajnath

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Rajnath Singh

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday launched a scathing attack on the Congress and the Rashtriya Janata Dal, alleging that they sought to remain in power by any means.

He was in Patna to attend the Bihar BJP State Working Committee meeting.

He alleged that the RJD and the Congress would "fuel the politics of division". "When the Opposition talks about the politics of hatred, we have to answer it with the politics of service. When they talk about pushing Bihar behind, we will show the road map to a bright future. When they engage in the politics of division, we have to talk about connecting people. When they distract the people of Bihar from the real issues, we should talk about educating Bihar," Mr. Singh said.

He also referred to the previous RJD governments as "jungle raj" and said the BJP was determined to not only retain power, but retaliate for the historical injustice that Bihar suffered for decades.

Mr. Singh said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Bihar had made unprecedented progress and the old image of "jungle raj" had been broken.

Mr. Singh exuded confidence that the National Democratic Alliance would again form the government with two-thirds majority in the election due in October-November.

'Chirag Paswan can fill gap in Bahujan leadership'

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

In a bid to cast its net wider in the Bihar Assembly election scheduled later this year, Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) is attempting to rebrand itself as a "Bahujan" outfit.

In an interview to *The Hindu*, the party's Lok Sabha MP and strategist Arun Bharti said that "Chirag Paswan is a Bahujan leader and LJP(RV) is a Bahujan party".

On June 29, the LJP(RV) hosted a Bahujan Bhim Sankalp Samagam in Nalanda, which is Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's constituency. This was the first time that the party, formed three-and-a-half years ago after a split in the LJP founded by the late Dalit leader Ram Vilas Paswan, organised a political programme under the banner of Bahujan, an overarching term often used for a coalition of Dalit, Other Backward Classes, Tribes and minorities.

Justifying the switch from being known as a Dalit to a Bahujan party, Mr. Bharti said, "There is an obvious gap in Bahujan leadership in the Hindi belt. The leaders who had led the Bahujan movement either are not there or have become weak. There is no leader qualified to represent this group. Chirag Paswan, even while being in government, offers the only voice who takes up the concerns of this group."

Mr. Paswan recently announced that he will contest the Assembly election and specified that he will pick a non-reserved seat. Mr. Bharti explained, "Chirag Paswan or LJP(RV) is not a political outfit of one caste, creed or community. We speak for one and all."

Union Minister Chirag Paswan has said that he will contest the Bihar Assembly polls. ANI

Barring two Assembly polls in 2005 (February and October), the erstwhile LJP never got a double-digit vote share in Bihar since its formation in 2000.

To a question on whether repeated remarks by Mr. Paswan and the party on the need to rise above the caste divide ignored the State's reality, Mr. Bharti said that fragmentation in the electorate into various groups suits certain parties. "Yes, caste is a truth of the society. But we must also remember that poverty or illness does not differentiate between various castes or religions," he added.

Asked if Mr. Paswan is a Dalit leader and his party a Dalit outfit, Mr. Bharti said, "We would have been in the past... Right now, Chirag Paswan is a Bahujan leader and LJP(RV) is a Bahujan party and going ahead it is going to be our endeavour to make this party a national party so that we can raise the voice for caste or class."

LJP(RV) will hold another round of rallies in south Bihar. The focus on the region is deliberate, said Mr. Bharti. "There are certain regions in Bihar – Shahbad and Magadh - where the NDA did not perform well. For example, in Shahbad, out of 22 seats, the NDA got only two seats (in the last Assembly election). If you are a responsible ally, you have to show strength in the areas where you can make the NDA stronger. We have seen that Chirag Paswan's presence here brings in greater turnout for the NDA," he added.

Rahul targets Modi govt. over supply of specialised fertilizers

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Citing news reports that China had stopped the supply of "specialised fertilizers", the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on Wednesday criticised the Narendra Modi government.

"India is an agrarian country and our farmers are the backbone of the economy. But this backbone is now bending because of foreign dependence," Mr. Gandhi said in a post on Facebook.

"India imports 80% speciality fertilizers from China. But now they have suddenly stopped supply," the Congress leader said, sharing a news report that claimed China had stopped supplying fertilizers, affecting Indian farmers.

Rahul Gandhi

China crisis

Farmers were already battling shortages of essential fertilizers, including urea and diammonium phosphate (DAP), and now they had to deal with the "China crisis" in speciality fertilizers, Mr. Gandhi claimed.

"Prime Minister can get his photo printed on fertilizer sacks while farmers are becoming dependent on 'Made in China'. There was no preparation despite knowing that these supplies can stop anytime. When there was a need to encourage domestic production, no plan was prepared," he said.

"Will farmers now become dependent on others even in their own land?" the Congress leader said, adding that farmers were "drowning in losses and frustration".

Mechanism for ELI scheme to be in place soon, says Mandaviya

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Centre will form a "perfect mechanism" to implement the Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) scheme approved by the Union Cabinet on Tuesday to support employment generation.

Union Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said the new mechanism would be implemented soon and added that the mechanism would be perfect and would function based on the payroll addition in the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO). He said all employers enrolled under the EPFO would be eligible for the scheme.

Mr. Mandaviya said the Centre would learn from the past and make corrections based on the experience in implementing the Production Linked Incentive scheme in 2020. Under the new ELI scheme, first-time employees registered with the EPFO would get one-month EPF wage up to ₹15,000 in two instalments. "Employees with salaries up to ₹1 lakh will be eligible. The first instalment will be payable after six months of service and the second instalment will be payable after 12 months of service and on completion of a financial literacy programme by the employee," the Centre said on Tuesday.

Mansukh Mandaviya

Social security net

Mr. Mandaviya said the Centre's efforts to widen the social security net had paid off and the International Labour Organisation had approved that more than 90 crore Indians had one or the other social security at present. He added that the Union government was trying to sign social security agreements with more countries so that Indians working abroad could also avail themselves of the social security schemes in India.

Trade union Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh welcomed the scheme and said it would help in employment generation.

ELI is a ploy to transfer funds to corporates, says CPI(M)

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Opposing the Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) scheme announced by the Union Cabinet, the Left parties on Wednesday called it yet another attempt to favour the big corporates and demanded that it be withdrawn immediately.

"The ELI scheme is another deceptive scheme of transferring public funds to the corporates veiled in the promise of enhancing job creation, employability and social security to delude the youth," the CPI(M) Polit Bureau said.

It promotes fragile and precarious jobs, subsidising investment cost, production costs, labour costs and statutory liabilities of both domestic and foreign employers from the public exchequer, it added.

The All India Forward Bloc said it was not the first time that the government was introducing such a scheme. "Earlier, the Production Linked Incentive scheme and the Capital Expenditure Incentive scheme were introduced, both disproportionately benefiting employers," AIFB general secretary G. Devarajan said.

Samik Bhattacharya is new West Bengal BJP president

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

Senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader and Rajya Sabha member Samik Bhattacharya was on Wednesday unanimously elected president of the West Bengal unit of the BJP.

APPOINTMENT

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NOTICE INVITING E-BID 01/2025-26

E-Bids for selection of Handling and Transportation of Food grains Under PDS from FCI Depots in District Jhunjhunu are invited from interested bidders from 14-06-2025 to 07.07.2025 other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal **(http:/eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in). www.food.rajasthan.gov.in** of the state. The approximate value of the procurement is 3.40 Crore for one year.

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Bids for Medical Equipments is invited from interested bidders upto Date:- 07.07.2025 Time:- 10.30 AM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state.

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OHPC Ltd., Bhubaneswar, invites **percentage rate bids** in **double cover system (Cover-I Technical Bid and Cover-II Price bid)** for the work as detailed below through 'e'-procurement. The bids should be submitted 'online' in **https://tendersodisha.gov.in** by the "A" & "B" Class of contractors registered with the State Government and contractors of equivalent grade/class registered with Central Government / Railways / MES having registration for execution of civil works on production of definite proof from the appropriate authority. The bidders should have necessary portal enrolment with their own valid Digital Signature Certificate. The bidder must possess compatible Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-II or Class-III.

Name of the work	Value of work put to tender (in ₹)	E.M.D. (in ₹) (Online)	Cost of bid document (Online)	Class of Bidder	Period of completion of work (in calendar month)
"Civil, PH, Electrical and Interior Furnishing works of Ground floor of OHPC Corporate Office Building, Bhoinagar, Bhubaneswar"	1,16,46,061/-	1,20,000/-	11,800/- (Rs.10,000 +18% GST)	"A" & "B" Class Contractor	06 months

Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal : From 11:00 Hrs of Dt.04.07.2025 to 12:00 Hrs of Dt.22.07.2025
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(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Tender under two cover bid system is invited for the work mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors holding valid Super Grade Electrical License issued from KCEI, Government of Karnataka who have got adequate financial resources, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the following work:

Name of the work: Providing Power infrastructure to Sanjeevarayanakota Industrial Area, Ballari District.

The Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: **24.07.2025** upto **4:00** pm.

Applicants May download bidding documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
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INBRIEF

HC asks Centre to update RTI rules for digital formats

The Delhi High Court on Wednesday directed the Union government to consider amending the existing Right to Information (RTI) Rules to facilitate the provision of information through modern electronic formats such as email, pen drives, or cloud-based platforms. A Bench comprising Chief Justice D.K. Upadhyaya and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela asked the competent authority to take an appropriate decision on the matter in three months. The court was hearing a PIL filed by Mr. Aditya Chauhan, who highlighted that Rule 4(d) of the RTI Rules, 2012 continues to refer to obsolete mediums like diskettes and floppies to provide RTI responses.

Look into representation over weight-loss drugs: HC to DCGI

The Delhi High Court on Wednesday asked the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) to consult experts and stakeholders in deciding a plea over drug combinations sold in the market for weight loss. A bench asked petitioner Jitendra Chouksey to give a representation to the DGCI, which was asked to decide the matter in three months. Mr. Chouksey's plea alleged that licenses issued for the use and sale of such drugs were not based on adequate data. The court, however, said the plea's concerns have to be first looked into and addressed by the DCGI. It allowed Mr.Chouksey to move the authority and bring relevant material and documents to its notice.

Debt burden of Indians has increased, says Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Targeting the Narendra Modi government over the rise in per capita debt of individual borrowers, the Congress on Wednesday alleged that the government was constantly trying to hide its real shortcomings by taking the help of statistics and experts.

"Debt of 'Achhe Din'! The Modi government has ruined the country's economy in the last eleven years. No effort was made to improve the lives of the people, all the policies were made only for the capitalist friends, the losses of which are being suffered by the people of the country today," Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh said on X.

Asserting that this truth was coming out every day in some way or the other, he said the latest report of the Reserve Bank of India had revealed a worrying picture of India's economy.

"The government is constantly trying to hide the real shortcomings by taking the help of statistics and experts, but no one can deny the truth that the debt burden on the country is at its peak in Modi Raj," Mr. Ramesh said.

'No link between COVID-19 vaccines and sudden deaths'

Sudden cardiac deaths can be from a wide range of factors, including genetics, lifestyle, pre-existing conditions, and post-COVID-19 complications, says Union Health Ministry

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

There is no direct link between COVID-19 vaccination and reports of sudden deaths in the country, the Union Health Ministry said on Wednesday. The Ministry added that this conclusion was reached following investigations conducted by multiple agencies.

The Ministry said that studies conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) found no major changes in the patterns of causes of death when compared to previous years. In the majority of unexplained cases, genetic mutations were found to be a likely contributing factor.

"Sudden cardiac deaths can result from a wide range of factors, including genetics, lifestyle, pre-existing conditions, and post-COVID complications," the Ministry said in a statement.

The Ministry noted that both ICMR and NCDC have been working together to determine the causes behind sudden unexplained deaths, particularly among young adults aged between 18 and 45 years.

Fact check: COVID-19 vaccination does not increase the risk of unexplained sudden deaths in young adults, says study. VIJAY SONEJI

To investigate the phenomenon, two complementary studies were undertaken. The first, conducted by the ICMR's National Institute of Epidemiology (NIE), was a retrospective multicentric matched case-control study. Titled "Factors associated with unexplained sudden deaths among adults aged 18-45 years in India", it was conducted between May and August 2023 across 47 tertiary care hospitals in 19 States and Union Territories.

The study reviewed cases of individuals who appeared to be healthy but died suddenly between October 2021 and March 2023.

Its findings confirmed that COVID-19 vaccination does not increase the risk of unexplained sudden deaths in young adults.

The second study, titled "Establishing the cause in sudden unexplained deaths in young," is a prospective investigation currently under way at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi. The study is being conducted in collaboration with the ICMR.

Preliminary findings from this study suggest that myocardial infarction (heart attack) continues to be the leading cause of sudden death in this demographic.

"Together, these two studies offer a more comprehensive understanding of sudden unexplained deaths in young adults in India. It has also been revealed that COVID-19 vaccination does not appear to increase the risk, whereas the role of underlying health issues, genetic predisposition and risky lifestyle choices does play a role in unexplained sudden deaths," the Ministry said.

Scientific experts have reiterated that claims linking COVID-19 vaccination to sudden deaths are "false and misleading" and not supported by scientific consensus. "Speculative claims without conclusive evidence risk undermining public confidence in vaccines, which have played a crucial role in saving millions of lives during the pandemic," the Ministry said. "Such unfounded reports and claims could strongly contribute to vaccine hesitancy in the country, thereby adversely impacting public health," it added.

Baseless claim will hamper vaccinations: NIE Director

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
CHENNAI

COVID-19 vaccination does not increase the risk of unexplained sudden death among young adults, Manoj V. Murhekar, Director, Indian Council of Medical Research-National Institute of Epidemiology, said on Wednesday.

He said their research indicated genetic make-up, binge drinking, COVID hospitalisation, and vigorous physical activity as some of the contributing factors. "Past COVID hospitalisation, family history of sudden death, and certain lifestyle behaviour increased the likelihood of sudden deaths," he said, adding that research had indicated a positive effect of vaccination.

On booster doses, he said, "As of now we aren't seeing any major spikes in cases and there are no trends indicating the need for booster doses. We also know that newer variants are escaping vaccination cover so we need not rush into getting booster doses as of now."

He said the baseless linking of COVID-19 vaccination to sudden deaths can hamper the vaccination programmes for other diseases.

Multi-agency probe busts international drug cartel

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday congratulated the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and other law enforcement agencies for busting an international drug cartel that operated in over 10 countries across four continents.

While the NCB's inputs have also led to crackdowns in the United States and Australia, eight alleged syndicate members have been arrested so far.

In a post on X, the Home Minister said, "The probe set a stellar example of multi-agency coordination, resulting in eight arrests and seizures of five consignments while triggering crackdowns in the U.S. and Australia against the ring that operates across four continents."

Researchers sequence whole genome of ancient Egyptian for the first time

R. Prasad
CHENNAI

Researchers have sequenced the first whole ancient Egyptian genome from an individual who lived 4,500-4,800 years ago – the oldest DNA sample from Egypt to date. The body belongs to an adult male who died during Egypt's Old Kingdom. The ancient Egyptian is predicted to have had brown eyes, brown hair, skin pigmentation ranging from dark to black skin, with a lower probability of an intermediate skin colour, was 157.4-160.5 cm tall, and lived up to the age of 44-64 years. The body was buried in a large ceramic pot within a rock-cut tomb at a site named Nuwayrat, a village 265 km south of Cairo. The results were published on July 2 in the journal *Nature*.

Pottery vessel in which the Nuwayrat individual was discovered. MOREZ, A.

"Direct radiocarbon dating of the remains aligns with the archaeological context corresponding to the third to fourth dynasties, marking the beginning of the Old Kingdom," Adeline Morez Jacobs from the School of Biological and Environmental Sciences, Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool, U.K., and the first author of the paper said during a virtual press conference.

Genetic results showed that a majority of his ancestry, about 78%, hails from the ancient North African populations, specifically from Neolithic groups from present-day Morocco. About 22% of his DNA is a close match to early farmers from Mesopotamia (present-day Iraq, western Iran, southern Syria, southeast Turkey), one of the eastern Fertile Crescent.

About 22% of the genetic makeup of the individual suggests historical cultural exchanges and interactions between Egyptian and Eastern Fertile Crescent. Though this Neolithic Mesopotamian connection is evident, the authors are quick to point out that this heritage may not have been direct.

"Perhaps the genes were transferred over time through other ancient Levantine populations (modern-day Israel, Jordan, and Syria)," says Dr. Niraj Rai from Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP), Lucknow, who is not part of the study.

DNA was successfully extracted from the individual's teeth. The genome of the ancient Egyptian is said to be the most complete and oldest from Ancient Egypt.

"We hypothesised that a combination of pot burial together with a rock-cut tomb in which the pot burial was placed provided a stable environment. While the overall climate is hot, a key factor for long-term DNA preservation is the stability of the temperature," Dr. Linus Girdland-Flink from Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool, U.K. and one of the corresponding authors said during the virtual press conference. "Also, we took DNA samples from the teeth root tips. The root tips get locked into the lower jaw, which might have helped preserve the DNA. That kind of dental tissue is very good for DNA preservation."

Axiom-4 trip to the ISS will provide valuable inputs for Gaganyaan mission: ISRO

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) said the Axiom-4 (Ax-04) mission to the International Space Station will provide valuable inputs for India's upcoming Gaganyaan mission. Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla is part of the Axiom mission.

"The Ax-04 mission will provide valuable inputs for ISRO's upcoming Gaganyaan mission. It offers hands-on experience about the nuances of international crew integration, medical and psychological preparation, real-time health telemetry, experiment execution, and crew-ground coordination," the ISRO said. It added that these insights will directly influence mission planning, safety validation, and astronaut readiness for India's first indigenous human spaceflight mission.

Shubhanshu Shukla is carrying a selection of the finest Indian handicrafts to ISS, says ISRO.

"This is one small step in orbit, but a giant leap in India's pursuit of human spaceflight and scientific discovery," it added.

The ISRO said preparations are in progress for abort missions of the Gaganyaan mission and the first uncrewed test flight is targeted for the fourth quarter of 2025.

It added that the first crewed flight of the Gaganyaan mission is expected by the first quarter of 2027.

The ISRO said that as a tribute to India's rich cultural heritage, Mr. Shukla is carrying a selection of the finest of Indian handicrafts to the International Space Station. "These symbolic items, designed by students of the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad, reflect the diversity, craftsmanship, and timeless beauty of India's traditional art forms, carefully curated to represent different regions and materials. These pieces serve as cultural ambassadors in space. Their journey aboard the ISS not only celebrates India's artistic legacy but also honours generations of artisans who continue to keep these traditions alive," it said.

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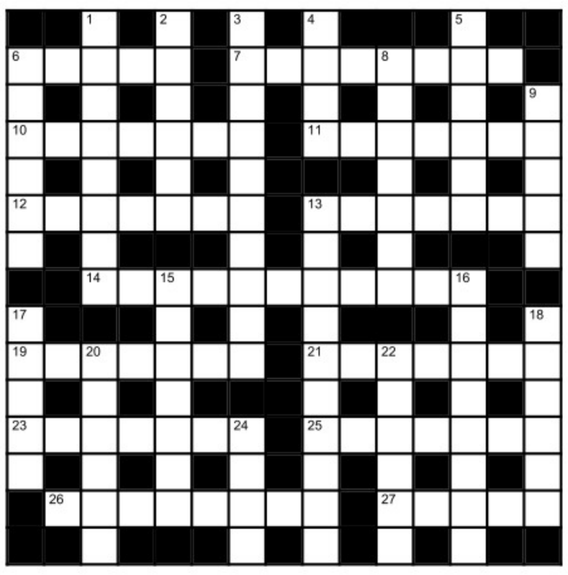

Across

6 Exult as the ultimate champion bags final medal (5)
7 Fancy yachts carrying it is seen as a virtue (8)
10 Reason it's said to make one laugh in hell (7)
11 Activity protects America flooding (7)
12 Fought over how the woman was dressed overall (7)
13 Small place in China ruined Charlie (7)
14 Compromising on death - there is hidden rage (11)
19 Home gets, say, butane fuel (7)
21 Arranged in sets - a kind of poetic form (7)
23 Help set back foundation of black granite (7)
25 Reportedly not a pleasant end for the family (7)
26 Copier, it provided a welcome drink (8)
27 Works with team leader on lubricants (5)

Down

1 Combine ideas with Charlie, one gets even (8)
2 Request architects to provide a stiffener (6)
3 Agreement that electric cable can be wound close to armature (10)
4 Poet's come up with something mediocre (4)
5 A material to suit oneself (2,4)
6 Malfunction starts - good luck charm has it inside (6)
8 Huge waves have no rocky mountains (7)
9 Any indoor game is a pain (5)
13 Angry VIP will raise (7,3)
15 Anguish of the French couple (7)
16 Denied profits, Matilda dropped the odds (8)
17 Follow a union member right away (5)
18 Greek gods deal with strays (6)
20 Drink and academic performance gets hit (6)
22 Witness Brown coming up into the house (6)
24 Leaders enjoy and take sufficient provisions (4)

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Ambal shows the way

Faith is nurtured. Our elders teach babies to eat first, and as they grow, they are shown the correct way to eat healthy. Similarly, the Vedas are the primary source material for guiding all in the spiritual journey of one's life, which runs concurrently with the pursuit of earthly goals. People may pray to Vishnu, Siva or Subrahmanya, Surya or others as ordained in the Vedas; however, Sakti is the goddess that the ordinary people worship. She is sometimes given shape to, in villages, merely by stacking a couple of bricks, with full faith in Her power. While She is celebrated throughout the year, the grand Pattabhishekam of Sarva Jagan Mata at Ambaji Saktipeet in Gujarat, during the Ashada Navratri (falling between June 25 to July 4 this year) is one of the most significant ones, said Damodara Dikshidhar.

The Lalita Sahasranamam says, "*Rajat Krupayai Namaha; Raja Peeta Niveshita Nija Shritayai Namaha:*", signifying the importance of receiving Her divine grace when one is caught in various life situations.

Those visiting the shrine in Ambaji cannot fail to observe the richness and fertility of the land, with Ambal looming majestically over the place, held to be the heart of the 51 Sakti Peetams, bestowing Her blessings on those who pray to Her. She embodies not only spirituality but also sets a remarkable code of conduct for all to follow, helping everyone to lead a sinless life.

As an embodiment of Durga, Saraswati and Lakshmi, the Jagan Mata's Pattabhishekham, conducted with various homams and pujas, attracts both the rich and the poor.

INBRIEF

Daimler India unveils trucks for construction, mining

Daimler India Commercial Vehicles (DICV), a wholly owned subsidiary of Daimler Truck AG, on Wednesday unveiled a range of BharatBenz trucks for construction and mining applications. While the HX series is for construction, Torqshift is for mining, and are priced from ₹56 lakh (ex-showroom), the company said. Introduction of HX and Torqshift follows extensive real-world validation, with more than 150 trucks deployed on customer trials, the company said.

Indian Bank, PNB drop minimum balance charges

Indian Bank has announced a complete waiver of minimum balance charges across all savings bank accounts effective July 7. Effective July 1, Punjab National Bank, too, has decided to waive penal charges for non-maintenance of minimum average balance (MAB) in all savings accounts. Indian Bank also announced a reduction of 5 basis points (bps) in its one-year marginal cost of funds based lending rate (MCLR), bringing it down to 9.00%, effective July 3, 2025.

SEBI mandates common contract note with VWAP

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has mandated a common contract note with single volume weighted average price (VWAP) with effect from June 27. "The reform will simplify the post-trade reporting process by consolidating trades executed across multiple exchanges into a single, harmonised document, eliminating the need to process multiple contract notes," the regulator said in a statement on Wednesday.

SBI classifies RCom loan account as fraud, reports Anil to RBI

The report has mentioned about significant irregularities, including fund diversion and violations of the terms and conditions of the loan

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

In a major setback for Reliance Group chairman Anil D. Ambani, the State Bank of India (SBI) has decided to go after him by classifying its loan account of Reliance Communications Ltd. (RCom) as fraud.

The country's largest public sector lender has also decided to report Mr. Ambani, the erstwhile director of RCom, to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) seeking appropriate action as per the central bank's guidelines.

The move follows a forensic audit by the bank and exchange of show-cause notices and responses spanning over a year.

SBI, in a letter to RCom, intimated that its Fraud Identification Committee (FIC) had decided to classify the account as fraudulent and it had escalated the matter to the banking regulator for necessary action.

The FIC's report has mentioned about significant irregularities, including fund diversion and violations of the terms and conditions of the loan.

SBI's action is in line with the RBI's Master Direction on Frauds, which provides a framework to deal with entities involved in gaming the banking system. Mr. Ambani is expected to face regulatory and legal action including civil and criminal proceedings and the case might be handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for further investigation. RCom, which had turned a non-performing asset (NPA), was admitted to the IBC process in May 2018, and as of March 2025, had a total debt of ₹48,216 crore.

Under Section 32 A of the IBC, the company is protected from any action but its promoter faces liability and criminal proceedings. SBI's FIC on June 13, 2025 identified a consistent pattern of financial misconduct and found that RCom and its subsidiaries were engaged in fund diversion and opaque transactions. The forensic audit had revealed large scale diversion of the bank's funds which were channelled through related entities, temporarily parked in mutual funds and fixed deposits and cycled via day to day transactions. Mr. Ambani's lawyers have denied the allegations.

"State Bank of India's order referred in the RCom disclosure is shocking and has been passed ex-parte, and in violation of the principles of natural justice," his counsel, Tarini Khurana, said in response to SBI's letter to RCom.

"SBI has not even responded to Mr. Ambani's communication about the invalidity of the Show Cause Notice (SCN) for almost a year, and has not even provided the information forming the basis of their decision despite being repeatedly requested by Mr. Ambani, to enable him to respond to the SCN," she said.

In the dock: The move follows a forensic audit by the bank and exchange of show-cause notices and responses for a year. REUTERS

Centre gives green signal for bike taxis; Rapido hails move

The guidelines provide regulatory framework for States to issue licences and regulate aggregators

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

The Centre allowed inclusion of "non-transport motorcycles" by ride-hailing apps in its revised guidelines for taxi aggregators at a time States like Karnataka have banned bike taxis.

The guidelines issued by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) on July 1 provide a regulatory framework for State governments to issue licences and regulate aggregators. It says State governments may adopt these revised guidelines within three months.

Bike-hailing app Rapido welcomed the move. "By recognising non-transport motorcycles as a means of shared mobility, the government opened the door to more affordable transportation options for millions, especially in underserved and hyperlocal areas," it said in a release.

Ind-Ra says MFIs will return to normalcy only in H2 of FY26

'Recent ordinances by TN and Karnataka creating repayment anxieties is a reason for low profitability'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Microfinance institutions (MFIs) will return to normalcy only by the second half of fiscal 2026, credit rating agency India Ratings said in a report. The organisation has given the sector a 'deteriorating outlook'.

Ind-Ra cited the recent ordinances by the Tamil Nadu and Karnataka governments creating repayment anxieties as one of the reasons for low profitability. The two State governments had brought in ordinances to curb coercive practices of collection agents. This is expected to impact the "sector's return profile in the medium term, and the normalisation to FY24 levels would be difficult due to the rising operating expense and rationalisation of lending yields," Ind-Ra said in the report. Banks that lend to MFIs have started factoring in non-MFI loans exposure, it added.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	WEDNESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	83,410	-0.34
US Dollar	85.62	-0.03
Gold	99,170	0.50
Brent oil	67.12	0.00

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2630.20	8.40
Adani Ports	1443.90	-3.10
Apollo Hosp	7441.00	-55.00
Asian Paints	2419.40	49.90
Axis Bank	1175.30	2.00
Bajaj Auto	8356.50	-42.50
Bajaj Finserv	2007.90	-45.90
Bajaj Finance	923.00	-13.65
Bharat Elec	426.95	-5.30
Bharti Airtel	2033.30	13.90
Cipla	1497.60	-18.10
Coal India	386.90	-2.85
Dr Reddys Lab	1270.80	-6.00
Eicher Motors	5722.50	7.00
Eternal Ltd.	259.75	-1.25
Grasim Ind	2849.80	1.70
HCL Tech	1718.60	0.30
HDFC Bank	1986.00	-26.10
HDFC Life	789.70	-20.20
Hero MotoCorp	4243.70	17.70
Hindalco	698.35	4.05
Hind Unilever	2307.10	11.60
ICICI Bank	1427.80	-4.20
IndusInd Bank	857.65	-21.45
Infosys	1610.50	3.70
ITC	412.95	-2.15
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	326.70	-2.90
JSW Steel	1059.90	30.30
Kotak Bank	2169.10	-14.50
L&T	3596.80	-69.90
M&M	3165.20	-10.90
Maruti Suzuki	12622.00	180.00
NestleIndia	2388.00	-22.10
NTPC	333.75	1.15
ONGC	241.07	-2.30
PowerGrid Corp	294.85	-2.70
Reliance Ind	1518.80	-9.60
SBI Life	1856.80	-5.70
State Bank	812.90	-7.40
Shriram Finance Ltd.	676.90	-19.55
Sun Pharma	1677.50	10.30
TataConsumerProduct	1095.80	0.20
Tata Motors	688.55	4.75
Tata Steel	165.88	5.82
TCS	3423.30	-6.40
Tech Mahindra	1677.10	5.90
Titan	3708.00	7.50
Trent Ltd.	6222.50	78.50
UltraTech Cement	12436.00	226.00
Wipro	267.00	2.45

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 02

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	85.50	85.82
Euro	100.52	100.90
British Pound	117.06	117.50
Japanese Yen (100)	59.31	59.53
Chinese Yuan	11.93	11.97
Swiss Franc	107.79	108.21
Singapore Dollar	67.09	67.36
Canadian Dollar	62.65	62.89
Malaysian Ringitt	20.22	20.32
Australian Dollar	56.06	56.28

Source:Indian Bank

'Mini U.S.-India deal possible but likely symbolic'

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Atul Keshap

While a mini trade between India and the U.S. still seems possible before July 9, such a deal would likely be a 'symbolic one' centred on "low-hanging fruits", according to some industry captains.

Such a deal, they added, would be a small beginning in a long journey for the world's largest democracies.

According to Atul Keshap, former Ambassador and president, U.S.-India Business Council (USIBC), a mini trade deal would be the first step in the two countries' journey towards achieving the 'Mission 500' target of $500 billion in bilateral trade by 2030.

"There is great promise in building deeper energy and technology ties, in electronics and IT, which will remain strong pillars of our bilateral trade," Mr. Keshap told *The Hindu*.

Steadfast partnership

He added clinching an initial agreement would reaffirm the steadfast partnership between the two governments and show both parties were committed to trade as a tool for enhancing economic progress and building new commercial opportunities.

Responding to a query on likely key sticking points, Mr. Keshap said, "The more trade between two countries, the higher the chances for disagreements over trade policy. In the end, we need a deal that enables the private sectors of both countries to deliver on the promise of free enterprise and entrepreneurship."

Kami Viswanathan, president of Middle East, Indian Subcontinent and Africa (MEISA), FedEx, said she was hopeful of seeing a mini deal out by the expected time.

"It's due for some time now, and I hope it comes soon. I hope there will be something happening within the timeline itself. That will do good to businesses, trade, and to both countries," she anticipated.

Kumar Deep, Country Director-India, Information Technology Industry Council, a Washington DC-based apex body for global tech firms, said, "There is an ever-changing geopolitical situation. We are not sure as to what is going to come out by July 9, will there be a formal trade announcement by that time or not. But it is heartening to see that both governments are closely engaged in having some concrete trade negotiations."

Shashi Shekhar Vempati, ex-CEO, Prasar Bharati, said, "It is only a logical extension we deepen ties across technology, supply chain and other areas and minimise barriers. Things are looking very positive."

Starlink steps into Sri Lanka, its third market in South Asia

Starlink is priced at ₹3,430-4,280 (12,000-15,000 LKR) per month for residential plans

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

Starlink, the SpaceX-operated satellite Internet service, is now available in Sri Lanka, the third market to allow the service in South Asia after Bhutan and Bangladesh. Elon Musk, SpaceX's founder and CEO, announced the service's availability in the country on his social media platform X, formerly Twitter.

Parnil Urdhwareshe, Starlink's top executive in India, played a role in at least two of the launches the company has managed in neighbouring countries: he had met Sri Lanka's Presidential Adviser on Climate Change Ruwan Wijewardene last July. In 2023, Mr. Urdhwareshe also met the then State Minister for Information and Communication Technology Zunaid Ahmed Palak in Bangladesh, shortly before trials for the service started in the country, according to media reports.

At current exchange rates, Starlink is priced at ₹3,430-4,280 (12,000-15,000 LKR) per month for residential connections, and ₹4,280-8,560 (15,000-30,100 LKR) for portable 'roam' plans. The one-time hardware equipment is priced at ₹17,185-33,685 (60,200-1,18,000 LKR). The prices are roughly comparable with those announced for the other two South Asian countries.

India journey

Starlink obtained a Global Mobile Personal Communications by Satellite (GMPCS) authorisation, a key regulatory norm to operate in India, last month. However, it still needs orbital slot assignments from IN-SPACe and spectrum allocation from Department of Telecommunications.

'High U.S. tariffs to hit labour-intensive units'

The Hindu Bureau
COIMBATORE

The India-U.S. talks for a free trade agreement are expected to conclude soon and if the U.S. does not exempt country-specific tariff (26%) and instead just reduces it to 10%, Indian goods will attract Most Favoured Nation (MFN) tariff plus 10% surcharge, effectively raising tariffs on Indian goods to levels higher than "pre-Trump" era levels, says the GTRI.

A GTRI report said India's merchandise exports to U.S. rose to $86.5 billion in FY25, up 11.6% in FY24. The risk of high tariffs is particularly acute for labour-intensive sectors, which contributed over $14.3 billion in 2024-2025.

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WASHINGTON

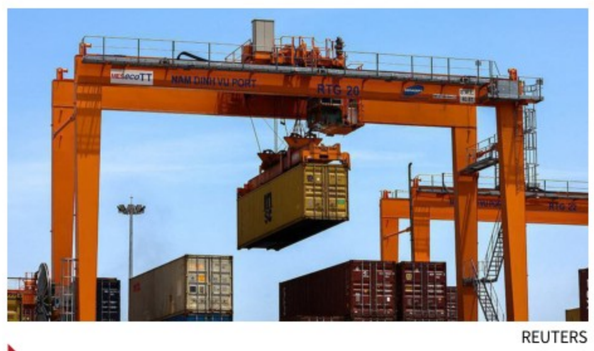
Paramount to pay Trump $16 mn over *60 Minutes* Harris interview

AP

CBS parent Paramount has agreed to pay $16 million to settle U.S. President Donald Trump's lawsuit over the contents of an interview with then Vice-President Kamala Harris. This resolves Mr. Trump's $20 billion lawsuit against the network over its *60 Minutes* interview with Ms. Harris during the 2024 presidential campaign. AFP

WASHINGTON

Vietnam to face 20% tariff from U.S. under 'great' deal, says Trump



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Donald Trump announced he struck a deal with Vietnam under which the country would face a minimum 20% tariff and open its market to U.S. products. Imports of Vietnamese goods will face a 20% U.S. tariff, while goods that pass through Vietnam from other countries — so-called "transshipping" — will see a 40% tariff. AFP

LAHORE

Imran held in 22-hour solitary confinement daily, says his party

REUTERS

Pakistan's former Prime Minister Imran Khan is being held in solitary confinement for at least 22 hours daily, in 'blatant violation' of prison rules and human rights, his party claimed on Wednesday. The 72-year-old cricketer-turned-politician has been behind bars since August 2023 after he was booked in multiple cases. PTI

SAN FRANCISCO

Microsoft says it is planning to lay off 4% of its global workforce

AP

Microsoft said it was slashing a little less than 4% of its global workforce as it seeks to cut layers of middle management and leverage new technologies. The tech giant did not disclose the total amount of lost jobs but as of June 2024 it employed 2,28,000 people, bringing the latest lay-offs to about 9,000 people. AFP

Iran halts cooperation with nuclear watchdog after strikes by Israel, U.S.

Following the move, the work of the IAEA inspectors, who had access to Iran's nuclear sites, remains suspended; Guardian Council, President Masoud Pezeshkian formally enact the suspension after parliament voted to severe relations with IAEA

Agence France-Presse
TEHRAN

Ground zero: The overview of the Fordow enrichment facility in Iran on Tuesday following strikes by Israel and the Unites States. AP

Iran on Wednesday officially suspended its cooperation with the UN nuclear watchdog, a move triggered by the unprecedented Israeli and U.S. strikes on its nuclear facilities.

Last month's 12-day conflict between Iran and Israel has sharply escalated tensions between Tehran and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

On June 25, a day after a truce took hold, Iranian lawmakers voted overwhelmingly to suspend cooperation with the Vienna-based IAEA. State media confirmed the legislation had now taken effect.

The law aims to "ensure full support for the inherent rights of the Islamic Republic of Iran" under the nuclear non-proliferation treaty, with a particular focus on uranium enrichment, according to Iranian media.

While IAEA inspectors have had access to Iran's declared nuclear sites, their current status is uncertain amid the suspension. On Sunday, Iran's Ambassador to the United Nations, Amir Saeid Iravani, said the inspectors' work had been suspended. He said the "inspectors are in Iran and are safe", but "their activities have been suspended, and they are not allowed to access our sites". The law did not specify exact steps following the suspension.

The ISNA news agency cited lawmaker Alireza Salimi as saying the inspectors now needed approval from Iran's Supreme National Security Council to access nuclear sites.

Separately, the *Mehr* news agency cited lawmaker Hamid Reza Haji Babaei as saying Iran would stop allowing IAEA cameras in nuclear facilities.

After parliament passed the Bill, it was approved by the Guardian Council and President Masoud Pezeshkian formally enacted the suspension on Wednesday.

Israel's response

In response, Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar urged European signatories of the 2015 nuclear deal to trigger the "snapback" mechanism and reinstate all UN sanctions on Iran.

Bangladesh court sentences Hasina to six months in jail

Press Trust of India
DHAKA

Bangladesh's deposed Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was on Wednesday sentenced to six months in prison in a contempt of court case by the International Crimes Tribunal, while it now tries her on a major charge of committing crimes against humanity in absentia.

A three-member panel of the tribunal-1 (ICT), led by Justice Golam Mortuza Mozumder, simultaneously sentenced to two months a fugitive leader of the Bangladesh Chhatra League, Shakil Akanda Bulbul, in the same case.

First conviction

It marks the first time that 77-year-old Ms. Hasina has been sentenced in any case since she left office in August last year.

Sheikh Hasina

"According to the verdict, the sentence will come into effect from the day of her arrest or surrender before the court," chief prosecutor Mohammad Tajul Islam told reporters after the verdict was handed down.

A state-appointed lawyer is defending Ms. Hasina, now staying in India, in the tribunal which earlier declared her a "fugitive" while her trial was opened on Monday initially over the murder of student protester Abu Sayeed.

Inflection point

Sayeed's killing in northwestern Rangpur University during a demonstration escalated a nationwide violent protest that ultimately ousted her nearly 16-year-long regime on August 5 last year, when she secretly left the country on a military aircraft.

Three days later Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus, 85, flew from Paris to take charge of an interim government as the nominee of the protesters who were waging the movement under a platform called Students against Discrimination (SAD).

The line will continue after me, no other authority can interfere, says Dalai Lama

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Buddhist monks watch a recorded video message by Tibetan spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, in Dharamshala on Wednesday. AP

The succession plan for the next Dalai Lama, the highest spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism, will be decided by a trust, not the Chinese government, asserted the 14th Dalai Lama in Dharamshala, making it clear for the first time that he believes he will be reincarnated. Releasing a widely anticipated statement during a convention of the leaders of many Buddhist traditions who have gathered for celebrations of the Dalai Lama's 90th Birthday, the spiritual leader, born as Tenzin Gyatso, said the process by which future Dalai Lama will be recognised would now begin with consultations with leaders, members of the Tibetan Government in Exile, and other stakeholders.

The statement sparked a response from Beijing, which has said any succession must be "approved" by the Central government, and has passed a law in Tibet in 2007 mandating its authority over the issue, although this has not been accepted by the Tibetan community.

Neither the MEA nor other government officials reacted to the statement from Dharamshala. India has maintained that the Dalai Lama is an "honoured guest" and a spiritual leader in the country and the Prime Minister sends greetings to him on his birthday each year. This year, Minister for Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju and Chief Ministers of Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim will attend the celebrations.

In a recorded video speech and translation released on Wednesday, the Nobel Peace Laureate said the responsibility for the succession "will rest exclusively with members of the Gaden Phodrang Trust, the Office of His Holiness the Dalai Lama"– a trust he set up in 2011.

"They should consult the various heads of the Tibetan Buddhist traditions and the reliable oath-bound Dharma Protectors who are linked inseparably to the lineage of the Dalai Lamas. They should accordingly carry out the procedures of search and recognition in accordance with past tradition," he said referring to the tradition of recognising a Dalai Lama through reincarnation or rebirth, or "emanation" since the First Dalai lama was ordained in 1411.

In Delhi, Chinese Ambassador to India Xu Feihong said the Chinese government "protects the tradition" of reincarnation, but added, in accordance with the law. "The reincarnation of the Dalai Lama must follow the process that consists of search and identification in China...," he said.

The Dalai Lama's statement on Wednesday is the continuation of a lengthier statement he issued in 2011, after he had decided to separate the political leadership of the Tibetan movement from the spiritual one. At the time, he had said he would decide by 2025 or thereabouts whether the institution of the Dalai Lama would continue after his demise.

While he did not refer directly to China or Beijing's role in his latest statement, the Dalai Lama said that apart from the Gaden Phodrang Trust "no one else has any such authority to interfere in this matter".

The Chinese government, which has long staked a claim over choosing or "approving" the next Dalai Lama. Beijing also claims that the practice of approving high lamas was in line with a Qing dynasty tradition where high lamas were decided by drawing their name from a "golden urn". On Wednesday, China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs rejected the Dalai Lama's statement, and said any succession plan would have to "comply with Chinese laws and regulations as well as religious rituals and historical conventions".

Ukraine left scrambling as U.S. reduces arms supply

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Ukraine appealed to the U.S. for clarity on Wednesday after it was caught off guard by a White House announcement that Washington was halting some arms shipments to the war-battered country.

The Ukrainian Defence Ministry, which is deeply dependent on U.S. arms, said it had not been notified about the reduction in aid announced one day earlier.

Moscow revelled in the decision, saying it could bring the end of the war closer. Any slow down in U.S. support could harm Kyiv's ability to fend off escalating Russian aerial bombardments or frontline gains.

Hamas is open to Gaza truce but refrains from U.S. offer

Associated Press
CAIRO

Hamas suggested on Wednesday that it was open to a ceasefire agreement with Israel, but stopped short of accepting a U.S.-backed proposal announced by President Donald Trump hours earlier, insisting on its longstanding position that any deal bring an end to the war in Gaza.

Mr. Trump said on Tuesday that Israel had agreed on terms for a 60-day ceasefire in Gaza and urged Hamas to accept the deal before conditions worsen in the Strip.

CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
6th, 7th, & 8th Floor, Tower-B, World Trade Centre, Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi-110029

Petition No. 442/TL/2025 Dated: 1.7.2025

NOTICE UNDER CLAUSE (a) OF SUB-SECTION (5) OF SECTION 15 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003

An application under Section 14 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (the Act) has been made by **POWERGRID Bikaner Neemrana Transmission Limited,** B-9, Qutab Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi 110016 for amendment of the existing RTM Transmission Licence to POWERGRID Bikaner Neemrana Transmission Limited to include the transmission project "Augmentation of transformation capacity at 765/400/220kV Bikaner-III PS in Rajasthan by 1x500 MVA, 400/220kV ICT (6th)" under the Regulated Tariff Mechanism mode. The scope of the project for which the existing RTM transmission licence is being amended is as under:

S. No.	Scope of the Transmission Scheme	Capacity/km	Implementation timeframe
1.	Augmentation of transformation capacity at 765/400/220kV Bikaner-III by 1x500 MVA, 400/220kV ICT (6th) along with associated bays	• 500 MVA, 400/220 kV ICT- 1 no. • 400 kV ICT bay associated (including tie bay)- 1 no. • 220 kV ICT bay-1 no.	18 months from the date of issuance of OM by CTUIL i.e. 20.07.2026.
		Total Estimated Cost:	**Rs 49.60 crores**

2. The Central Transmission Utility of India Limited, vide its letter dated 26.3.2025, has recommended for the grant of a transmission licence to the applicant to establish the proposed transmission system.
3. Based on the material available on the record, the Commission vide order dated 30.6.2025 in Petition No. 442/TL/2025, has proposed to issue a transmission licence to the applicant for establishment of the transmission scheme as noted in para 1 above.
4. A copy of the application, along with its annexures and enclosures, made by the applicant for the grant of an inter-State transmission licence to **POWERGRID Bikaner Neemrana Transmission Limited** before the Commission can be accessed at the **www.powergrid.in/subsidiaries** or inspected by any person in the Commission's office by following the laid down procedure.
5. Notice is hereby given in pursuance of clause (a) of sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the Act that suggestions or objections, if any, to the Commission's proposal to grant a transmission licence to the applicant, as aforesaid, be sent to the undersigned by **15.7.2025** at the above noted address. The suggestions or objections received after the specified date shall not be considered.
6. The application shall be taken up for the further hearing by the Commission on **16.7.2025.** Any person who files suggestions or objections may in his/her discretion attend the hearing, for which no TA/DA shall be paid by the Commission.

Sd/-
(Harpreet Singh Pruthi)
Secretary

कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियंता सा.नि.वि. सम्भाग कोटा
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संशोधित निविदा संख्या- 02/2025-26

इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 272 दिनांक 28.04.2025 एवं संशोधित पत्र क्रमांक 626 दिनांक 27.05.2025, 652 दिनांक 28.05.2025 एवं संशोधित पत्र क्रमांक 778 दिनांक 09.06.2025 के द्वारा प्रकाशित निविदा सूचना संख्या- 02/2025-26 में अपरिहार्य कारणों से निम्न संशोधन किया जाता है। ऑनलाईन निविदा फार्म मिलने एवं जमा कराने की तारीख 23.06.2025 की जगह 09.07.2025 सायं 6.00 बजे पढ़ा जावे तथा तकनीकी निविदा खोलने की तारीख 25.06.2025 की जगह 11.07.2025 अपराह्न 3.00 बजे पढ़ा जावे तथा बोली प्रतिभूति जमा कराने की तारीख 24.06.2025 की जगह 10.07.2025 अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के कार्यालय में सायं 4.00 बजे पढ़ा जावे।
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Online Proposals are invited on behalf of Municipal Corporation Jodhpur South/North (MCJ) from eligible bidders fulfilling eligibility criteria as described in the Bid Documents for **"Sewer Rehabilitation of old and deteriorated pipes by Trenchless CIPP Technology for Main Trunk Sewer Lines heading towards Nandari and Salawas STPs"" with three year defect liability period.**
The further detailed bid conditions can be downloaded from website **www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in**. Document will be available on these website from Date:- 30.06.2025 Time 10:00 AM

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HARD TO BELIEVE

Shastri stunned by India's call to rest Bumrah for second Test

REUTERS

You've lost the first Test match and you want to get back to winning ways. You have the best fast bowler in the world, and you make him sit out after seven days of rest, it's something very hard to believe — Former India coach Ravi Shastri on the decision to rest Jasprit Bumrah for the Edgbaston game

BLITZKRIEG

Suryavanshi's blazing knock powers India u-19 to easy win

REUTERS

Vaibhav Suryavanshi's blistering 86 (31b, 6x4, 9x6) helped India u-19 beat England u-19 by four wickets in a rain-affected third Youth ODI in Northampton on Wednesday. **The scores:** England u-19 268/6 in 40 overs (Thomas Rew 76 n.o, Kanishk Chouhan 3/30) lost to India u-19 274/6 in 34.3 overs (Suryavanshi 86, Vihaan Malhotra 46).

ALL-ROUND SHOW

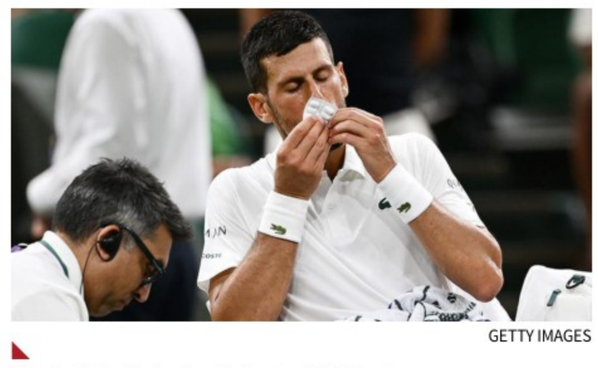
After Asalanka's hundred, the spinners take over for Sri Lanka

AFP

Charith Asalanka's hundred and the spinners' good show gave Sri Lanka a 77-run win in the first ODI against Bangladesh in Colombo. **The scores**: Sri Lanka 244 in 49.2 overs (Asalanka 106, Kusal Mendis 45, Taskin 4/47, Tanzim 3/46) bt Bangladesh 167 in 35.5 overs (Tanzid 62, Jaker 51, Hasaranga 4/10, Kamindu Mendis 3/19).

SAVIOUR

Djokovic thanks 'miracle pills' after Wimbledon win



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Novak Djokovic thanked 'miracle pills' after he overcame some discomfort to advance. "I enjoyed myself, obviously a bit less in the second set when I went from feeling my absolute best to absolute worst. Maybe it was a stomach bug. I struggled but the energy came back after some doctors' miracle pills."

Gill and Jaiswal drive India even as team selection grabs the spotlight

The skipper slams his seventh Test hundred as visitors end day one at 310 for five; Jaiswal scores a brisk 87; changes make the news with all-rounders Nitish and Washington, apart from seamer Akash, getting the nod; Bumrah rested, Sai Sudharsan and Shardul dropped; Kuldeep misses out again

INDIA IN ENGLAND

N. Sudarshan
BIRMINGHAM

On a day when India's team selection provoked and riled admirers and critics alike, Shubman Gill & Co reached 310 for five at stumps in the second Test against England at Birmingham on Wednesday.

On the opening morning at Edgbaston, when asked by Ben Stokes to experience the pitch first, India left two of its best wicket-taking bowlers on the bench - pacer Jasprit Bumrah to manage his workload and wrist-spinner Kuldeep Yadav for his inferior batting ability - and dropped a frontline batter in B. Sai Sudharsan, who had debuted in Leeds and scored 30 neat, second-innings runs.

In came two all-rounders Nitish Kumar and Washington Sundar, both capable players but not yet of the cutting-edge variety. Akash Deep replacing Bumrah was the only straightforward decision.

There appears to be an inward obsession and a stubborn insistence in the Indian thinktank to pack the team with batters who can bowl. And the move, coming as it did after the visitors struggled to dismiss England twice in Headingley and went 0-1 down in the series, struck a discordant note.

Style and substance: Gill flicked and drove his way to a second hundred in England. GETTY IMAGES

Also, three changes to a line-up that may well have won the first Test if not for dropped catches seemed overly reactive. However, in sport, results authenticate tactics and approaches, and it will be up to Gill (114 batting, 216b, 12x4) and Jadeja (41 batting, 67b, 5x4) to prove that the logic behind India's choices was indeed sound.

On a demon-free turf, Yashasvi Jaiswal (87, 107b, 13x4) and Gill propped up India. Jaiswal batted in a brisk, authoritative fashion, and after India lost K.L. Rahul cheaply (2, 26b), the left-hander and one-drop Karun Nair (31, 50b, 5x4) combined for 80 runs.

There were times when Jaiswal appeared tetchy as England bowled into his body and cramped him for width. But Jaiswal was up for the battle, and even aced the short-ball challenge, with his best shot being the pulled four off Josh Tongue despite the presence of a short-leg, mid-wicket, square-leg, long-leg and fine-leg.

Karun, batting at No. 3 after his one-match stint at No. 6, was in sparkling touch, executing a few wonderful drives. But at the stroke of lunch, a Brydon Carse delivery climbed awkwardly and he was caught at second slip.

Taking charge

After the break, Gill had the lion's share of the strike but he took a risk-free approach, scoring at a rate less than 50. But he collected runs all around the ground, a majority of them in ones and twos. Jaiswal, though, fell in an attempt to move the scoreboard along, caught behind off Stokes while trying a cut.

Gill, however, drove, steered and flicked his way to a responsible ton. Stokes, who had earlier baited Rishabh Pant (25, 42b, 1x4, 1x6) into hitting straight to long-on, tried to lure Gill by introducing Joe Root an over before the new ball was due.

Gill responded with two confident sweeps to bring up his seventh Test century and second of the series.

When Nitish, who came in at the fall of Pant, shouldered arms to Chris Woakes and had his reputation in tatters, India had fallen to 211 for five.

With a 99-run stand, Gill and Jadeja arrested the slide and it will be up to them to ensure that the knife that had come so dangerously close doesn't end up twisting them on day two and leave them bleeding.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA — 1ST INNINGS
Yashasvi Jaiswal c Smith b Stokes 87 *(107b, 13x4)*, K.L. Rahul b Woakes 2 *(26b)*, Karun Nair c Brook b Carse 31 *(50b, 5x4)*, Shubman Gill (batting) 114 *(216b, 12x4)*, Rishabh Pant c Crawley b Bashir 25 *(42b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Nitish Kumar b Woakes 1 *(6b)*, Ravindra Jadeja (batting) 41 *(67b, 5x4)*; Extras (b-1, lb-4, nb-4): 9; Total (for five wkts. in 85 overs): 310.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-15 (Rahul, 8.4 overs), 2-95 (Karun, 23.3), 3-161 (Jaiswal, 45.1), 4-208 (Pant, 60.1), 5-211 (Nitish, 61.4).

ENGLAND BOWLING
Woakes 21-6-59-2, Carse 16-2-49-1, Tongue 13-0-66-0, Stokes 15-0-58-1, Bashir 19-0-65-1, Root 1-0-8-0.
Toss: England.

Gameplan: Jaiswal says he tried to play out spells and sessions, and scored when an opportunity arose. GETTY IMAGES

We are confident in our approach: Jaiswal

N. Sudarshan
BIRMINGHAM

Yashasvi Jaiswal, who fell 13 short of his second ton of the series (87, 107b, 13x4), lauded his captain Shubman Gill, who grabbed the opportunity for a second hundred by coming up with a mature knock (114 batting, 216b, 12x4).

"He is amazing and incredible as captain," Jaiswal said on Wednesday, when asked about Gill's innings amidst a lot of chatter regarding the team's strategies and selection dilemmas.

"He is very clear [with what he is doing] and we are confident in our approach. There is no confusion.

"We all are enjoying batting and the idea is for the one who is set to take the game deep. We are all in the same mindset," Jaiswal added.

England's lead pacer Chris Woakes praised Gill too. "I thought he played very well. It was a very good hundred and a big one for his team. We were close to getting him a couple of times, including that leg-before that was an inside-edge. Other than that, he was in control and credit to him."

Jaiswal, 23, stated that the pitch, though batting friendly, was slightly different to the one in Leeds that hosted the first Test.

"The seam movement and bounce are less here," he observed. "The wicket was a bit damp [in the morning] and I was trying to play spells and sessions out. But when the opportunity came, I scored."

Woakes opined that wicket-to-wicket bowling will be effective, a case in point being the Nitish Kumar dismissal where the batter was bowled shouldering arms.

"Didn't feel like it [the pitch] had pace to nick batters off behind," the 36-year-old said.

"But stumps and the lbw were always in play. We just had to find the right length to not be too full to be driven, but yet keep the stumps in play".

Shining bright: Amanjot sparkled in the second T20I. REUTERS

Jemimah, Amanjot excel; India 2-0 up

Press Trust of India
BRISTOL

Amanjot Kaur and Jemimah Rodrigues hit radiant fifties to propel India to a 24-run win over England in the second T20I here.

Tuesday night's win handed Harmanpreet Kaur's side a 2-0 lead in the five-match series.

Amanjot (63 n.o., 40 balls), who scored her maiden T20I fifty, and Jemimah (63, 41b) helped India post 181 for four after being asked to bat. The Indian spinners restricted the host to 157 for seven despite Tammy Beaumont's 35-ball 54, marking the first time any team has been able to beat England in a women's T20I in Bristol.

India's innings began in disarray with opener Shafali Verma (3), Smriti Mandhana (13) and Harmanpreet (1), all back in the dug-out inside the PowerPlay. Jemimah who scored nine boundaries and a six, and Amanjot resurrected the team from 31 for three with a 93-run stand for the fourth wicket.

Amanjot then added 57 with Richa Ghosh (32 n.o., 22b) to provide the final flourish.

The scores: India Women 181/4 in 20 overs (Jemimah 63, Amanjot 63, Bell 2/17) bt England Women 157/7 in 20 overs (Beaumont 54, Ecclestone 35, Charani 2/28). **Toss**: England. **PoM**: Amanjot.

India proposes Ahmedabad as potential Olympic host

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

Within a week of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) announcing its decision to 'pause and reflect' on the process of electing future Olympic hosts, an Indian delegation visited the IOC headquarters in Lausanne for a 'continuous dialogue' and proposed Amdavad, the Gujarati version for the city of Ahmedabad, as a potential host of the mega event.

India, which is keen to organise the 2036 Olympics, had not informed the IOC about any possible host city when it expressed its interest in November last. The delegation, led by Gujarat Sports Minister Harsh Sanghavi and the IOA president P.T. Usha, explored the opportunity and feasibility regarding the requirements for bidding and hosting the Olympic Games.

Ahmedabad is also in the race to bid for the 2030 Commonwealth Games.

Alcaraz, Sabalenka, Djokovic advance; Gauff ousted

WIMBLEDON

Agencies
LONDON

Carlos Alcaraz was in no mood to suffer probably the biggest upset in Wimbledon history as he ended World No. 733 Ollie Tarvet's hopes of a fairytale victory to reach the third round with a clinical 6-1, 6-4, 6-4 win on Wednesday.

Women's World No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka overcame a tough test to beat Marie Bouzkova 7-6(4), 6-4 and progress to the third round on Wednesday, avoiding the fate of many of her title rivals.

Keys moves up

Sabalenka was joined by sixth seed and Australian Open champion Madison Keys, who made short work of Serbia's Olga Danilovic, winning 6-4, 6-2.

Meanwhile, second seed Coco Gauff crashed on Tuesday but history-chasing Novak Djokovic was up and running.

Second-seeded Gauff arrived at the All England Club with high hopes after winning the French Open last month but was beaten 7-6(3), 6-1 by Ukranian Dayana Yastremska.

Seven-time champion Djokovic dropped a set but recovered to beat French World No. 41 Alexandre Muller 6-1, 6-7(7), 6-2, 6-2.

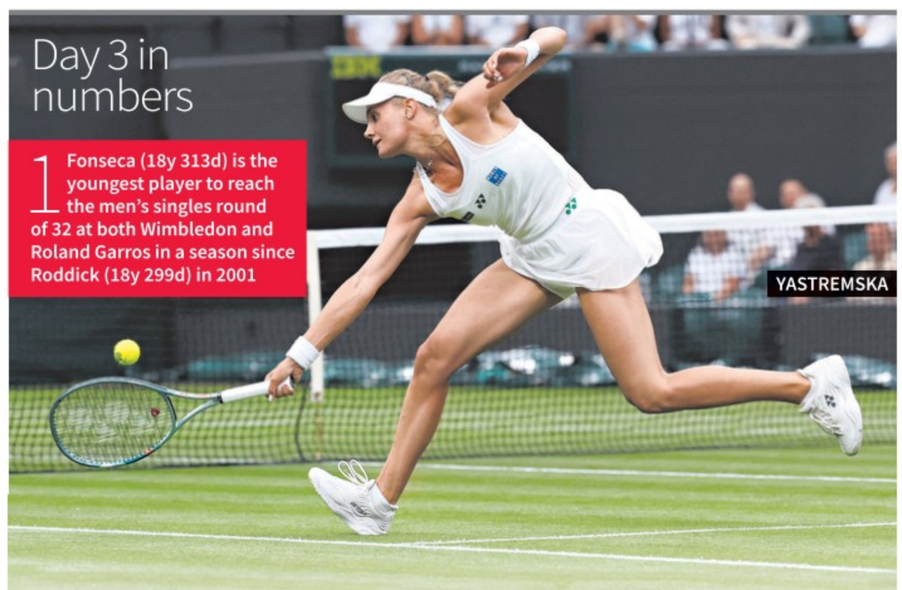
There were also wins for men's fourth seed Jack Draper and fifth seed Taylor Fritz.

In men's doubles, Yuki Bhambri and Robert Galloway, seeded 16th, advanced to the second round with a 7-6(8), 6-4 win over the Romain Arneodo and Manuel Guinard.

Meanwhile, while Rithvik Choudary Bollipalli and Nicolas Barrientos pipped Alexandre Muller and David Goffin 4-6, 6-4, 7-6(13) in a gruelling three setter.

However, Rohan Bopanna and Sander Gille lost to third seeds Kevin Krawietz and Tim Puetz 3-6, 4-6.

Day 3 in numbers



1 Fonseca (18y 313d) is the youngest player to reach the men's singles round of 32 at both Wimbledon and Roland Garros in a season since Roddick (18y 299d) in 2001

2 Norrie became the second British player (after Murray) to register wins against top-20 players at all the four Slams

3 Gauff is the third woman after Henin (2005) and Schiavone (2010) to clinch the title at French Open and lose immediately at Wimbledon

8 Eight top-10 players have been eliminated in the opening round at SW19, the highest tally in a single Slam in the Open era

14 Sabalenka has won the most tie breaks this season, only losing one to Alexandrova in Doha

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Fallen seeds
Men: 12-Tiafoe, 18-Humbert
Women: 2-Gauff, 22-Vekic, 29-Fernandez

IMPORTANT RESULTS

Men: Second round: Norrie (GBr) bt 12-Tiafoe (USA) 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 7-5; 17-Khachanov (Rus) bt Mochizuki (Jpn) 1-6, 7-6(7), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; 14-Rublev (Rus) bt Harris (RSA) 6-7(1), 6-4, 7-6(5), 6-3; 2-Alcaraz (Esp) bt Tarvet (GBr) 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.
First round: 19-Dimitrov (Bul) bt Nishioka (Jpn) 6-2, 6-3, 6-4; 10-Shelton (USA) bt Bolt (Aus) 6-4, 7-6(1), 7-6(4); Monfils (Fra) bt 18-Humbert (Fra) 6-4, 3-6, 6-7(5), 7-5, 6-2; 4-Draper (GBr) bt Baez (Arg) 6-2, 6-2, 2-1 retd.; 6-Djokovic (Srb) bt Muller (Fra) 6-1, 6-7(7), 6-2, 6-2.
Doubles: First round: 16-Bhambri (Ind) & Galloway (USA) bt Arneodo (Mon) & Guinard (Fra) 7-6(8), 6-4; 3-Krawietz (Ger) & Putz (Ger) bt Bopanna (Ind) & Gille (Bel) 6-3, 6-4; Barrientos (Col) & Rithvik (Ind) bt Goffin (Bel) & Muller (Fra) 4-6, 6-4, 7-6(11).
Women: Second round: 1-Sabalenka (Blr) bt Bouzkova (Cze) 7-6(4), 6-4; 6-Keys (USA) bt Danilovic (Srb) 6-4, 6-2; Siegemund (Ger) bt 29-Fernandez (Can) 6-2, 6-3; Bucsa (Esp) bt 22-Vekic 6-1, 6-3; 13-Anisimova (USA) bt Zarazua (Mex) 6-4, 6-3; 24-Mertens (Bel) bt Li (USA) 6-7(5), 6-1, 6-2. **First round:** Yastremska (Ukr) bt 2-Gauff (USA) 7-6(3), 6-1.

INBRIEF

Atletico Madrid ropes in Ruggeri from Atalanta

Atletico Madrid signed Italian left back Matteo Ruggeri from Atalanta on Tuesday. The 22-year-old defender will arrive on a five-year contract, Atletico said. Financial details of the transfer were not immediately disclosed. Atletico said Ruggeri is a left back "with good crossing ability and great stamina."

Srikanth moves to the second round of Canada Open

K. Srikanth progressed to the men's singles second round with a thrilling 18-21, 21-19, 21-14 win over compatriot Priyanshu Rajawat at the Canada Open Super 300 badminton tournament in Calgary on Wednesday.

India's tour of Bangladesh could be rescheduled

India's white-ball tour of Bangladesh in August could be rescheduled, because it needs clearance from the Indian government, a senior Bangladesh cricket official said on Wednesday. The series, including three ODIs and three T20Is is due to start here on August 17. However, the BCCI did not comment on the tour yet. "The tour is part of the FTP, so cancellation is not an option. But it may be rescheduled to a mutually convenient time," BCB's Iftikhar Rahman said. Bangladesh toured India in September-October 2024 for two Tests and two T20 matches. BCB sources said that the tour was awaiting a green light from India's government. The uncertainty follows recent diplomatic tension between Dhaka and New Delhi.

Coimbatore to host Equestrian Champions League

The Equestrian Champions League will be held in Coimbatore from July 4. The three-day league will feature six teams – Chennai Bulls (Tamil Nadu), Pegasus Sports (Kerala), Bengaluru Knights (Karnataka), Golconda Chargers (Telangana), Quantum Reigns (Goa) and Elite Equestrians (West Bengal). The event will be held in two categories: showjumping 110cm and 120cm. The top three will be richer by ₹15 lakh, ₹10 lakh and ₹5 lakh respectively.

Real Madrid ousts Juventus, sets up quarterfinal date with Dortmund

Youngster Garcia heads home for the Spanish giant which also welcomed back Mbappe; Guirassy stars for the German side with a brace

Cool strike: Monterrey's defence watches on helplessly as Guirassy scores Dortmund's opener. AFP

CLUB WORLD CUP

Agence France-Presse
ATLANTA

Spanish giant Real Madrid beat Juventus 1-0 on Tuesday to set up a Club World Cup quarterfinal clash against Borussia Dortmund, which edged Mexican side Monterrey.

Serhou Guirassy struck twice for the German outfit as it scraped past Sergio Ramos's side 2-1 in a tight last-16 clash in Atlanta.

Youngster Gonzalo Garcia headed home his third goal of the tournament to help Madrid edge Italian side Juventus at the Hard Rock Stadium in Miami.

It was an impressive display from Xabi Alonso's Madrid side, unbeaten under the new coach, and it was further boosted by Kylian Mbappe's return from illness as a substitute.

The first half was a finely-balanced contest with Igor Tudor's Juventus starting brightly before Real ended on top.

Los Blancos kept turning the screw and found its goal when Trent Alexander-Arnold crossed for Gonzalo to head home after 54 minutes. Alonso decided to introduce Mbappe but the striker did not find any clear openings as Juve pushed for an equaliser.

In Atlanta, Guirassy netted a first-half double but German Berterame pulled one back for the Mexican side which came close to an equaliser when a late Ramos header span just wide.

After grinding through several games in the blazing afternoon sun during the group stage, Dortmund was grateful to be at the air-conditioned Mercedes-Benz Stadium and played at a faster pace.

Karim Adeyemi set up both of Guirassy's goals as the Guinea international reached 37 for the season across all competitions.

A booking for Jobe Bellingham means he will be suspended for the clash against his brother Jude's Real Madrid side.

The results
(pre-quarterfinals): Real Madrid 1 (Gonzalo Garcia 54) bt Juventus 0; Borussia Dortmund 2 (Guirassy 14, 24) bt Monterrey 1 (Berterame 48).
Quarterfinal line-up: Fluminense vs Al-Hilal, Palmeiras vs. Chelsea, Paris Saint-Germain vs Bayern Munich; Real Madrid v Borussia Dortmund.

Manolo steps down as India's head coach

FOOTBALL

Anirudh Velamuri

Manolo Marquez's stint as the head coach of the Indian football team has come to an end after he and the All India Football Federation (AIFF) mutually agreed to part ways. The AIFF Executive Committee, in a meeting here on Wednesday, agreed to relieve Manolo after he expressed his desire to step away.

The development comes after India lost 0-2 to Thailand in a friendly on June 4 and followed it with a 0-1 loss against Hong Kong in the 2027 AFC Asian Cup qualifiers on June 10.

Manolo

"We are sad. The dressing room is like a funeral. I am very angry, disappointed with everyone. I do not have words for this poor performance.

"Maybe this is the reality of Indian football," the Spaniard said after the defeat to Hong Kong.

Manolo took charge in July 2024, replacing Igor Stimac, and has overseen eight matches so far, with three losses and four draws. India's only win in his tenure came in a friendly against Maldives (3-0) in March.

The 56-year-old was at the helm of the Indian team while juggling a dual role as the coach of FC Goa in the Indian Super League. His stint with the Gaurs concluded on May 31 with the Super Cup win in Bhubaneswar.

AIFF will now look to appoint a new coach before India, which dropped to 127th in the FIFA rankings from 99th in July 2023, takes on Singapore on October 9.

Bengaluru stampede: BCCI Ombudsman instructs RCB, KSCA to file written submissions

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

IPL champion Royal Challengers Bengaluru has landed in further trouble after BCCI Ombudsman-cum-Ethics Officer Justice (Retd) Arun Mishra directed the franchise, along with Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), to file written submissions over gross negligence during the team's victory celebrations in Bengaluru, which led to death of 11 people.

The Ombudsman has granted RCB and KSCA four weeks to respond, following an official complaint filed by IPS officer Vikas Kumar. The complainant has also urged the Ombudsman to bar the current owners from selling the franchise until the investigation into the tragedy is complete.

"Looking at the gravity of the incident, it is considered appropriate that the KSCA, as well as the concerned franchise RCB be asked to submit their written replied to the complaint," Justice Mishra wrote in his directive.

Recently Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) also deemed RCB responsible for the massive crowd gathering that led to the deaths.

FCBU recalls Mohanraj as coach

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

FC Bengaluru United (FCBU) has reappointed Nallappan Mohanraj as head coach ahead of the upcoming domestic season, the club announced on Wednesday.

Mohanraj holds an AFC 'A' diploma and has previously coached India's under-19, U-20, and U-23 teams, in addition to leading Tamil Nadu to a Santosh Trophy final round after an eight-year gap.

As a player, he represented India at the senior level and played for clubs like Mohun Bagan, ATK, and Chennaiyin FC.

In his previous stint as head coach of FCBU, during the 24-25 season, the two-time BDFA champion finished fourth in the I-League 2 campaign.

"I'm honoured to return to FC Bengaluru United. We started building a strong foundation over the last few months, and I look forward to building on that momentum, both in terms of performance and development," Mohanraj said.

Karan beats qualifier Medus, enters second round

TENNIS

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

Top seed Karan Singh beat qualifier Andres Medus of Argentina 6-3, 6-4 in the first round of the $15,000 ITF men's tennis tournament in Monastir, Tunisia.

The results: €91,250 Challenger, Brasov, Romania: Doubles (pre-quarterfinal): Siddhant Banthia & Alexander Sonski (Bul) bt Prajwal Dev & Nitin Kumar Sinha 5-7, 6-2, [10-7].
€91,250 Challenger, Modena, Italy: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Sergio Gornes (Esp) & Vijay Sundar Prashanth bt Jiri Barnat & Filip Duda (Cze) 6-4, 6-4.
$30,000 ITF men, Marburg, Germany: Singles (first round): Lucas Gerch (Ger) bt Aryan Shah 3-6, 7-5, 1-1 (retired).
$30,000 ITF men, Hillcrest, South Africa: Singles (first round): Luc Koenig (GBR) bt Digvijay Pratap Singh 3-6, 6-4, 7-5; James Beaven (GBR) bt Ishaque Eqbal 6-3, 6-3.
Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Ishaque Eqbal & Thando Longwe-Smit (RSA) bt Anton Chekhov & Ivan Zaytsev 6-3, 7-5; Gerard Henning & Philip Henning (RSA) bt Alexey Aleshchev & Aditya Balsekar 6-3, 5-7, [10-7].
$15,000 ITF men, Monastir, Tunisia: Singles (first round): Karan Singh bt Andres Medus (Arg) 6-3, 6-4.
$100,000 ITF women, Cary, USA: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Ayana Akli & Abigain Rencheli (USA) bt Arianne Hartono (Ned) & Prarthana Thombare 6-4, 6-3.
$60,000 ITF women, Bucharest, Romania: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Riya Bhatia & Sada Nahimana (Bdi) bt Carole Monnet (Fra) & Sara Saito (Jpn) 3-6, 7-5, [10-5]; Rutuja Bhosale & Wushuang Zheng (Chn) bt Nuria Brancaccio (Ita) & Julia Riera (Arg) 6-1, 6-2.
$15,000 ITF women, Getxo, Spain: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Juliana Giaccio & Cristina Sierra (Esp) bt Delia Gaillard (Fra) & Madhurima Sawant 7-5, 6-2.
$15,000 ITF women, Los Angeles, USA: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Gabriella Lindgren (Can) & Bella Payne (USA) bt Sophie Luescher (Sui) & Prathyusha Rachapudi 6-3, 5-7, [10-6].
$15,000 ITF women, Hong Kong: Singles (first round): Miho Kuramochi (Jpn) bt Bela Tamhankar 6-0, 6-1; Mayuka Aikawa (Jpn) bt Laalitya Kalluri 6-3, 6-1.
Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Jiaying He & Dan Ni Wang (Chn) bt Georgia Kalamaris (Fra) & Laalitya Kalluri 6-1, 6-4; Ashmitha Easwaramurthi & Yuhan Liu (Chn) bt Kei Cheung & Jane Wong (Hkg) 7-6(1), 7-5.

Moment of the match: Karthika's stunning lob from over 25 yards out beat the goalkeeper who was off her line. X@INDIANFOOTBALL

Indian women rout Iraq, nudge closer to Asian Cup qualification

Press Trust of India
CHIANG MAI (THAILAND)

The Indian women's football team produced another commanding performance in the AFC Women's Asian Cup 2026 Qualifiers, thrashing Iraq 5-0 here on Wednesday.

India led 2-0 at halftime.

First-half goals from Sangita Basfore and Manisha set the tone before a dominant second half saw Karthika Angamuthu, Phanjoubam Nirmala Devi, and Nongmaithem Ratanbala Devi add to the scoreline, taking India's goal tally to an impressive 22 from three games, all without conceding a single one.

With this result, the Blue Tigresses remain unbeaten. India is currently atop Group B with nine points and a goal difference of +22.

High-stakes clash
With Thailand, currently second in the group with six points, the stage is set for a high-stakes showdown between India and the hosts on Saturday.

With only the group winner progressing, it will be a winner-takes-all affair on Saturday.

On Wednesday, India, coming off thumping wins against Mongolia (13-0) and Timor-Leste (4-0), was high on confidence and wasted no time in asserting their authority.

Crispin Chettri's side played with fluency and control, showcasing impressive cohesion across all areas of the pitch.

From the opening whistle, India seized control and used the full width of the pitch to stretch the Iraqi defence.

The midfielders dictated the tempo with intelligent passing and quick transitions.

The result: India 5 (Sangita Basfore 14, Manisha 44, Karthika Angamuthu 48, Phanjoubam Nirmala Devi 68, Nongmaithem Ratanbala Devi 80) bt Iraq 0.

Appaiah BC gets the better of Dharwad

Sports Bureau

Appaiah BC defeated Dharwad District 'A' 73-66 in the super league stage of the men's State 'C' division basketball league championship in Bengaluru.

The results: Appaiah BC bt Dharwad District 'A' 73-66; Chikkamagalur District bt Mounts club 66-49.
MEG & Centre bt Dharwad District 'B' 69-30; Rajkumar BC bt Kolar District 62-43.
DRDO bt Hassan District 53-38; Hoops 7 BC bt Mysore District 'A' 64-37.
Cincinatics BC bt Dharwad District 'A' 66-49; Mysore District 'B' bt Appaiah BC 80-77.
Chikkamagalur District bt Rajkumar BC 72-57.

Minakshi and Pooja assured of medals

BOXING

Press Trust of India
ASTANA

Minakshi (48kg) and Pooja Rani (80kg) guaranteed India two medals by progressing to the semifinals in their respective categories on the third day of the World Boxing Cup here on Wednesday.

Minakshi sealed her place in the semifinals with a dominant 5-0 win over Chinese Taipei's Guo Yi-Xuan, while Pooja followed with a gritty 4-1 split decision victory over Kazakhstan's Gulsaya Yerzhan.

Composed
Earlier in the day, Anamika (51kg) moved into the quarterfinals with a composed performance against Turkey's Aysen Taskin.

In the men's draw, Jadumani Singh lost a close contest against Philippines' Jay Bryan Baricuatro.

100m hurdler Jyothi suffers injury

ATHLETICS

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Asian champion and national record holder 100m hurdler Jyothi Yarraji has suffered a "freak" knee injury while training a "few days back", in a big blow to her World Championships hopes later this year.

"Due to an unfortunate injury to my knee during training a few days back, I've had to put a pause on my season," Jyothi, who holds the national record of 12.78s, posted on her Instagram story on Wednesday.

"I'm working with my medical team to assess my options and take a decision on the way forward," said the 25-year-old.

Her coach James Hillier told PTI that the injury was "pretty bad".

"Unfortunately, she picked up a freak injury to her knee in training. It's pretty bad," he said, without elaborating.

LIVE TELECAST

Wimbledon: Star Sports 1, SS Select 1, 2 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 3.30 p.m.
England vs India: 2nd Test, day 2, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 3.30 p.m.
West Indies vs Australia: 2nd Test, day 1, FanCode, 7.30 p.m.